

# Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC)

## Minutes

December 15, 2010

**1. Call to order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Burow at 8:35 a.m. Committee members Walt Christensen, Greg Torres and Karen Christian were also present. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD), Beth Klotz, LWCD, John Molinaro, County Board Chairperson, Jan Roou, County Board member and Phil Roou were also in attendance.

**2. Roll Call (establish a quorum):**

A quorum was established.

**3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:**

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

**4. Review of the Agenda:**

The agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

**5. Review and Approval of the November Meeting Minutes:**

Torres made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as written, Christian seconded. Motion carried, 4/0.

**6. Citizens Comments:**

There were no citizen comments at this time.

**7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:**

Dennis Vollmer discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. See attached.

**8. Cancellation of Notice of Non-Compliance:**

Watkins stated that Roy Zimmerman had submitted a request for a cancellation of his notice of non-compliance.

Christensen moved and Torres seconded to cancel the notice of non-compliance for Roy Zimmerman and reinstate him into the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried, 4/0.

**9. Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) Conference Report:**

Torres reported on the WLWCA Conference. He recommended that other committee members attend future conferences. Torres reported on the votes for the following resolutions:

Requesting Elimination of the Potential for Asian Carp to Spread Throughout the Great Lakes and Surrounding Watersheds: Passed

Supporting Deer Management and Retention of Nine Day Deer Hunting Season: Failed, 23/24

Resolution Supporting Legislation to Require Comprehensive Well Water Testing Prior to Real Estate Transfers: Passed, 26/24

Reducing/Limiting the Number of WLWCA Attendees to the NACD National Conference: Withdrawn.

Tom Rudolph, Patrick Laughin and Chuck Wagner were elected to the Executive Board.

**10. Delegation of Authority Letter for NRCS Programming:**

Watkins distributed a draft letter (see attached) authorizing him to enter into all agreements between Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation and the United States Department of Agriculture,

Natural Resources Conservation Services. The committee approved the letter upon repair of a typo in the spelling of a name.

**11. Discuss Working Lands Initiative Late Fee:**

Watkins stated that there is extensive time and expense associated with Working Lands Initiative participants who do not return their annual certification by April of each year.

Burow moved and Torres seconded that for the Working Lands Initiative late fee after April 15<sup>th</sup> applicants will be charged \$25 for the first month and then 10 additional dollars each subsequent month until recertification occurs. Motion carried, 4/0.

**12. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) Financial Report:**

A copy of the latest Statement of Revenues and Expenditures was distributed (see attached). The Department is on target with revenues and expenditures.

**13. Correspondence:**

A letter was received from Anthony Peyer requesting permission to access Jefferson County land for the purpose of woodland management and wood product harvest

**14. Set next meeting and possible agenda items:**

It was decided by the members that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 202. Possible agenda items include: Monthly financial report, permission to access Jefferson County land for the purpose of woodland management and wood product harvest. Watkins and Burow will determine if the meeting can be postponed to February approximately a week before the meeting date.

Karen Christian was thanked for her many years of service on the LWCC.

**15. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Christensen and seconded by Torres at 9:18 a.m. Motion carried, 4/0.