

Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC) Minutes October 17, 2012

1. Call to order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Walt Christensen at 8:32 a.m. Committee members Carlton Zentner and Matt Foelker were present. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Beth Klotz, LWCD; Dave Terrall; and Dennis Vollmer also attended. Sarah Bregant arrived at 8:33 a.m. Scott Zimmerman arrived at 8:35 a.m.

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 October agenda:

The October agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

5. Review and approval of the September meeting minutes:

Foelker made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes as written, Zentner seconded. Motion carried, 3/0.

6. Communications:

Watkins stated that the reimbursement has been received for the Southern Area Tour.

7. Citizens comments:

There were no citizen comments.

8. Wildlife Damage Abatement Program– Dave Terrall

Terrall gave a brief overview of the Wildlife Damage Abatement Program. He distributed the 2013 Jefferson WDACP Proposed Budget. See attached.

Zentner moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve the 2013 Jefferson WDACP Proposed Budget as presented. Motion carried, 5/0.

Terrall also distributed the 2012 Crop Price Proposal. See attached.

Foelker moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve the 2012 crop prices as presented. Motion carried, 5/0.

9. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report:

Dennis Vollmer presented a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. See attached.

10. Discussion and possible action on highway facility study:

Christensen stated that the offer from another party for the old countryside property fell through so the bank is working with the county on its offer. If the purchase does go through, any crop ground that may be available will be under the guidance of the LWCC.

11. Discussion and possible action on information land values study:

There is nothing new to report on this item at this time. This item will be on the November agenda.

12. Notice of Non-compliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)

Clarice Krause, Tom and Tracey Novak, Alfred and Sandra Speich, James and Viola Behm, and Schmitz Living Trust C/O Judith Schmitz, Trustee, requested to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program.

Foelker moved and Bregant seconded to remove Clarice Krause, Tom and Tracey Novak, Alfred and Sandra Speich, James and Viola Behm, and Schmitz Living Trust C/O Judith Schmitz, Trustee, from the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried, 5 /0.

13. Cancellation of Notice of Non-compliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)

Dempsey Farm Partnership C/O Cormac Dempsey requested to be reinstated into the Farmland Preservation Program.

Zimmerman moved and Foelker seconded to reinstate Dempsey Farm Partnership C/O Cormac Dempsey into the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried, 5 /0.

14. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) financial report:

The most current revenue and expenditure sheets were distributed. See attached. The department is on target for expenses and revenues at this time.

15. Set next meeting and possible agenda items:

It was decided by the members that the next scheduled meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at 8:30 in Room 202. Possible agenda items include: Monthly financial report, discussion and possible action on proposed highway facility study, and discussion and possible action on information regarding land values, and an update from the Infrastructure Committee regarding the purchase of the old countryside property.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Foelker and seconded by Bregant at 9:16 a.m. Motion carried, 5 /0.