

## **Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC) Minutes November 21, 2012**

**1. Call to order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Walt Christensen at 8:31 a.m. Committee members Sarah Bregant, Scott Zimmerman and Matt Foelker were present. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Beth Klotz, LWCD; Nancy Lannert, Laura Watson, and Dennis Vollmer also attended.

**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 November agenda:**

The November agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

**5. Review and approval of the October meeting minutes:**

Foelker made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes as written, Bregant seconded. Motion carried, 4 /0.

**6. Communications:**

There were no communications at this time.

**7. Citizens comments:**

There were no citizen comments.

**8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report:**

Dennis Vollmer presented a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. See attached. He also introduced the new Soil Conservationist, Laura Watson.

**9. Infrastructure Committee update regarding the purchase of Old Countryside**

Watkins stated that the rezoning request has been moved to the proper committee in the City of Jefferson. The purchase is still in process.

**10. Discussion and possible action on highway facility study**

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

**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 December agenda.

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

Kay Probst Trust, Kevin H Hildebrandt, and Jack W Mays requested to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program.

Christensen moved and Foelker seconded to remove Kay Probst Trust, Kevin H Hildebrandt, and Jack W Mays from the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried, 4 /0.

Howard J. Altenburg, Lloyd and Alydia Anderson, Rita Berg Trust, Joan I Buske Trust, Ryann A Butz, Margaret A Dahnert, Jason M Draves, Jeffrey A and Kathryn Flood, Mark and Lisa Groose, James and Sandra Heine, Richard and Lana Heine, A & B Jaeckel Land Inc, Barbara Jaeckel Trust, Richard Jaeckel Trust, Joan and Robin Jarlsberg, JGB Land Inc, Dennis Kieck, Kieck Farms LLC, Edward L and Janelle Klingaman Jr, Eva A Kramer, Lynn and Barbara Kramer, Ahren B Kravik, Erna M Lindemann, Timothy and Brenda Linskens, Scott and Deborah Lundy, William R Mantz, Jack W Mays, Paul J Paulson, Melvin & Tom Probst Trust, Donell L Schetter, Arthur M Schlesner, Gilbert D Schmidt, Mark D Schnell, Earl J Skalitzky Trust, Ronald A Staude, Vernon M

Stolte Trust, Gregory J Weisensel, Florence Wolfram, Roy and Barbara Zimmerman have not satisfied the recertification requirements and therefore need to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program.

Foelker moved and Zimmerman seconded to remove Howard J. Altenburg, Lloyd and Alydia Anderson, Rita Berg Trust, Joan I Buske Trust, Ryann A Butz, Margaret A Dahnert, Jason M Draves, Jeffrey A and Kathryn Flood, Mark and Lisa Goose, James and Sandra Heine, Richard and Lana Heine, A & B Jaeckel Land Inc, Barbara Jaeckel Trust, Richard Jaeckel Trust, Joan and Robin Jarlsberg, JGB Land Inc, Dennis Kieck, Kieck Farms LLC, Edward L and Janelle Klingaman Jr, Eva A Kramer, Lynn and Barbara Kramer, Ahren B Kravik, Erna M Lindemann, Timothy and Brenda Linskens, Scott and Deborah Lundy, William R Mantz, Jack W Mays, Paul J Paulson, Melvin & Tom Probst Trust, Donell L Schetter, Arthur M Schlesner, Gilbert D Schmidt, Mark D Schnell, Earl J Skalitzky Trust, Ronald A Staude, Vernon M Stolte Trust, Gregory J Weisensel, Florence Wolfram, Roy and Barbara Zimmerman from the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried, 4/0.

**13. Farm ground for UW-Extension test plots:**

Heidi Johnson submitted a request to Watkins to be able to use some county farm ground for UW-Extension test plots. It was suggested that some farm ground potentially obtained through the purchase of Old Countryside could be used for this project.

Foelker moved and Bregant seconded to have Heidi Johnson come to talk to the LWCC in December about the use of county farm ground for UW-Extension test plots. Motion carried, 4/0.

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

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, December 19, 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, farm ground for UW-Extension test plots.

**16. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Zimmerman and seconded by Foelker at 8:55 a.m. Motion carried, 4 /0.