

Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC)

Minutes

May 16, 2012

1. Call to order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) at 8:30 a.m. Committee members Sarah Bregant, Walt Christensen, Matt Foelker, and Carlton Zentner were present. County Board Chairman John Molinaro was also present. Beth Klotz, LWCD; Dennis Vollmer, NRCS; Karyn Spory, Daily Union were also in attendance. Scott Zimmerman arrived at 8:31 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 May agenda:

The May agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

5. Election of officers:

Zentner moved and Bregant seconded to elect Christensen as Chair of the LWCC. Motion carried, 4/0.

Foelker moved and Zimmerman seconded to elect Zentner as Vice-chair of the LWCC. Motion carried, 5/0.

Zimmerman moved and Foelker seconded to elect Bregant as Secretary of the LWCC. Motion carried, 5/0.

6. Review LWCC meeting dates and times:

Watkins stated that the LWCC has been meeting at 8:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. This practice will continue.

7. Review and approval of the March meeting minutes:

Copies of the draft March meeting minutes were distributed. See attached.

Zimmerman made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes as written, Foelker seconded. Motion carried, 3/0, 3 members abstained due to not being present at the last meeting.

8. Communications:

Watkins distributed a copy of an email from Joe Nehmer, Parks Department, thanking LWCD department members Gerry Kokkonen and Patricia Cicero for their assistance at Canoecopia. See attached.

9. Citizens comments:

There were no citizen comments.

10. Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) overview for new committee members

Watkins distributed and discussed an overview of the LWCD authority, policies and personnel for new committee members. A list of commonly used acronyms and initials was also provided to the LWCC. See attached.

11. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report:

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

12. Discussion and possible action on highway facility study:

Christensen gave a brief history of this agenda item. There will be a joint Highway / Infrastructure / LWCC meeting held on May 30, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Christensen gave a brief history of this agenda item.

14. Election of Jefferson County LWCC member as the Jefferson County Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) representative

The LWCC was provided a post-WALCE/WLWCA merger guidance document. See attached.

Foelker moved and Zimmerman seconded to elect Zentner as the Jefferson County Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) representative. Motion carried, 5/0.

The next Southern Area Association meeting will be held on May 31, 2012, at a time and place yet to be determined.

15. 2011 Wisconsin Deer Donation Program update:

Handouts were provided regarding the 12 year history of the Wisconsin deer donation program and also the donations for 2011 by Jefferson County. See attached. A total of 36 deer were donated and processed in Jefferson County in 2011. A total of 1089 deer have been donated in Jefferson County since 2000.

16. Potential ditch on county farm at renter's request:

Watkins distributed an aerial photo of the location that county farm renter, Jeff Gerner, would like a ditch located. See attached. Watkins explained that due to the new by-pass and bike path, water has begun to back up on about 6 acres of the county farm.

Zimmerman moved and Foelker seconded to obtain bids to have the existing ditch cleaned and a new ditch installed or tile put in, to remove water from the affected area, this fall. Motion carried, 5/0.

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

Watkins gave a brief overview of the farmland preservation program to the committee.

Roger S. Radloff Trust; Ruth Poyer Trust; James, Darlene, Roger and Joan Grant Trust; Wayne Martin; Heidi E. Jacobson; Marvin G. & Carol M. Hesse Trust; Larry Koch; Alice Meschke; Clem T. & Geneva A. Keller Trust LE; Barry & Pauline Stephan; The Richard E Frey Special Needs Trust, Rhonda R Butzine, Randy J. Frey, Jeffrey L Frey, Timothy L. Frey, Terry B. Frey, James E. Frey and Chad J. Frey as Tenants in Common; Glenn & Lisa Nagel; Thomas Zignago; Katherine Poutsch; Jack R. Kramer; Russell & Cheryl Heine; James Christensen; Perry Moyer; Mitchell Degolier; Robert Mitchell; Donald R. & Laura L. Miller Trust (LE); Charles Lindemann, Rockvale Road LLC; Matt Steinbach, Steinbach Farms of Watertown LLC; Daryl J. & Pearl E. Pernat; A & P Dettman LLC (Alan Dettman); and Sharon Christian requested to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program.

Zimmerman moved and Foelker seconded to remove Roger S. Radloff Trust; Ruth Poyer Trust; James, Darlene, Roger and Joan Grant Trust; Wayne Martin; Heidi E. Jacobson; Marvin G. & Carol M. Hesse Trust; Larry Koch; Alice Meschke; Clem T. & Geneva A. Keller Trust LE; Barry & Pauline Stephan; The Richard E Frey Special Needs Trust, Rhonda R Butzine, Randy J. Frey, Jeffrey L Frey, Timothy L. Frey, Terry B. Frey, James E. Frey and Chad J. Frey as Tenants in Common; Glenn & Lisa Nagel; Thomas Zignago; Katherine Poutsch; Jack R. Kramer; Russell & Cheryl Heine; James Christensen; Perry Moyer; Mitchell Degolier; Robert Mitchell; Donald R. & Laura L. Miller Trust (LE); Charles Lindemann, Rockvale Road LLC; Matt Steinbach, Steinbach Farms of Watertown LLC; Daryl J. & Pearl E. Pernat; A & P Dettman LLC (Alan Dettman); and Sharon Christian from the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried, 5/0.

18. 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.

19. 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, June 20, 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, potential ditch on county farm update, and agricultural enterprise area presentation.

20. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Zentner and seconded by Zimmerman at 9:41 a.m. Motion carried, 5/0.