

# Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC)

## Minutes

June 20, 2012

**1. Call to order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Walt Christensen at 8:30 a.m. Committee members Sarah Bregant and Matt Foelker were present. County Board Chairman John Molinaro was also present. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) and Beth Klotz, LWCD attended. Scott Zimmerman arrived at 8:34 a.m. and Carlton Zentner arrived at 8:40 a.m. Phil Ristow, Corporation Counsel was 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 June agenda:**

The June agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

**5. Review and approval of the June 5, 2012, meeting minutes:**

Foelker made a motion to approve the June 5, 2012, meeting minutes as written, Bregant seconded. Motion carried, 3/0.

**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 was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. See attached. The report was accepted and placed on file.

**9. Discussion and possible action on highway facility study:**

Christensen stated that the LWCC resolution failed at County Board, but the board created a resolution to go ahead with pursuing site C or the old countryside site. Ristow stated that there is currently an offer in by another party for the old countryside property. It should be known by July if the purchase will be going through. Some issues that will need to be addressed for this site include asbestos and zoning. Some issues that need to be addressed for site C include zoning and drainage. The LWCC will take no action at this time and see what Infrastructure does at their next meeting.

**10. 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 July agenda.

**11. Agricultural enterprise area (AEA) information:**

The LWCC had been provided a copy of the Understanding Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEAs) and the Petition Process. See attached. Watkins gave a brief overview of the program and stated that there is only one AEA in Jefferson County. This AEA only has one active participant. There has not been any other activity to form another AEA in Jefferson County. It was suggested that the PACE program be placed on the July agenda.

**12. Potential ditch on county farm update:**

Watkins stated that requests for bids have been made. No bids have been received at this time. He was informed that the project would most likely be less than \$1000. This item will be placed on the July agenda.

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

Arlene S. Kassube; Kristine G. Wilke Trust; Garry Peter; Alvin Basse for Basse/Wenck Trust; David Korth; Mary I. Ring Trust; David Strasburg; Timothy and Karen Maloney; and Ruby A. Strasburg Life Estate, Barbara J. Brunk requested to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program.

Zentner moved and Foelker seconded to remove Arlene S. Kassube; Kristine G. Wilke Trust; Garry Peter; Alvin Basse for Basse/Wenck Trust; David Korth; Mary I. Ring Trust; David Strasburg; Timothy and Karen Maloney; and Ruby A. Strasburg Life Estate, Barbara J. Brunk from the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried, 5/0.

**14. Southern Area Association (SAA) of Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) summer tour:**

Watkins informed the LWCC that Jefferson County is in charge of the annual summer tour for the SAA of WLWCA. The tour will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2012. A coach bus will be rented for the tour at a cost of \$825. The SAA is covering the cost of the bus. The tourists will meet at Dorothy Carnes Park. A tour of the Sullivan Weather Station will be part of the excursion. Various other potential places to tour, donation possibilities and luncheon ideas were given. Other plans for the day are in the process of being finalized.

**15. 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.

**16. 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, July 18, 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, SAA tour update, 2013 LWCD budget and PACE program.

**17. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Foelker and seconded by Bregant at 9:33 a.m. Motion carried, 5/0.