

Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC) Minutes
August 15, 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 also attended. Scott Zimmerman arrived at 8:34 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 August agenda:

The August agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

5. Review and approval of the July 18, 2012, meeting minutes:

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

6. Communications:

Watkins stated that the resolution for a grant approved by the LWCC at the July meeting will be presented to county board at the September meeting.

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.

9. Emergency waiver of residue for Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

A letter and sample waiver from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) was presented to the LWCC regarding the drought. See attached. Due to the dry weather, the LWCC has the option of waiving the residue requirements of the FPP for farmers for the 2012 season.

Zimmerman moved and Foelker seconded to approve a blanket waiver of the residue requirements in Jefferson County for the 2012 season for the Farmland Preservation Program participants. Motion carried, 4/0.

10. Discussion and possible action on highway facility study:

Molinaro stated that a proposal for purchase of the old Countryside facility and property is currently being worked on for the bank and realtor. Zoning issues with the City of Jefferson will still need to be addressed. Also, the bond issue will need to be voted on by County Board at a future date.

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 September agenda.

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

Rosemary Schmied and Steven Behm requested to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program.

Zimmerman moved and Foelker seconded to remove Rosemary Schmied and Steven Behm from the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried, 4/0.

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

The SAA tour will be held on August 28, 2012. It will begin at Dorothy Carnes Park. Other sites visited will be the Sullivan Weather Station, Carlin Weld Park and Standard Process. The fee will be \$25 and registration is limited to the first 55 applicants.

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, September 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.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Foelker and seconded by Bregant at 9:13 a.m. Motion carried, 4/0.