

Agenda
Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC)
"Working Together to Protect & Enhance the Environment"
Jefferson County Courthouse, 311 S Center Ave, Rm 112
Jefferson, WI 53549-1701
Wednesday, March 18, 2015 ~ 8:00 am

Committee Members: Frank Anfang, Matthew Foelker, Peter Hartz, Ed Morse, Carlton Zentner

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. Review of the March Agenda
5. Review and Approval of the February 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes
6. Citizen Comments (members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
7. Communications
 - Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) March 2015 Report
8. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report (NRCS)
9. Farmer Nutrient Management Planning Reports - Nancy Lannert
10. Spring Spot Check Report - Nancy Lannert
11. DATCP Cost Share Contract Extension Approval
12. Tree Seedling Sale Update
13. Cropland at the Highway Shop Update
14. Hoard's Dairyman Facility Update
15. Notice of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
16. Cancellation of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
17. Monthly Financial Report
18. Set Next Meeting (Tntv April 15, 2015) and Possible Agenda Items
19. Adjournment

Note: If committee members are not able to attend please notify the LWCD

The committee may discuss and/or take action on any item specifically listed on the agenda. Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator at 920-674-7101 24 hours prior to the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

February 18, 2015

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:00 am. Committee members Frank Anfang, Matthew Foelker, Peter Hartz, Ed Morse, and Carlton Zentner were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; and Dennis Vollmer, NRCS.

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 February Agenda:

The February agenda was reviewed by the committee members. No changes were proposed.

5. Review and Approval of the December 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes as written, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

6. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) February 2015 Report. See attached.
- WI Land + Water Annual Conference

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Dennis Vollmer discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. Nothing new to report at this time. Dennis Vollmer has been helping the Rock County area the past few months.

9. Land & Water Resource Management Plan Extension Approval:

Mark Watkins asked the committee to approve an extension of the Land & Water Resource Management Plan to be submitted to the Land & Water Board in August. The plan has been approved by the County Board for 10 years but the Land & Water Board will only approve 5 years at a time which is why Mark Watkins is requesting extension approval.

Carlton Zentner made a motion to accept the extension request, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

10. Department of Natural Resources Lake Management Grant Status:

Mark Watkins informed the committee that the grant was successful the DNR has confirmed that it will be funded.

11. Preliminary 2014 LWCD Year End:

Mark Watkins added item #16 to item #11. The LWCD has completed 2014 just under budget.

12. Cropland at the Highway Shop Update:

Nothing new at this time.

13. Hoard's Dairyman Facility Update:

Nothing new at this time.

14. Notice of Noncompliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance - Bernard Kleiber Trust

Carlton Zentner made a motion to accept the notice, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

15. Cancellation of Noncompliance – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

Kristine G Wilke Trust, LeRoy Scheel Trust, Dennis Stilling

Pete Hartz made a motion to accept the notices, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

16. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) Financial Report:

The most recent statements of revenues and expenditures were distributed. See attached.

17. Set next meeting and possible agenda items:

It was decided by the members that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee will be held on March 18, 2015 at 8:00 in Room 112.

18. Adjournment

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 am, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

DATCP REPORT

March 2015

Soil and Water Resource Management Grants

- The 2016 DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant Application is now available for counties and other project cooperators on the SWRM grants [website](#)¹. Applications are due by April 15th.
- The annual activities report survey will be sent to counties on Wednesday, March 4th.

Nutrient Management

- Nutrient Management Farmer Education grant applications are now on the DATCP website. Applications are due April 15th and require a separate application from the general SWRM application. You can find the RFP and application [here](#)².
- Jim Beaudoin has joined the project staff at the UW-Madison Soils Department working on the next version of SnapPlus. Jim will be the Programmer Analyst developing SnapMaps, the first stage in integrating GIS with SnapPlus.

Farmland Preservation

- DATCP recently certified a text and map amendment for the Rock County farmland preservation plan.
- The petition period for designation of Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEAs) is open. The deadline for completed petitions is April 30th, 2015. Contact Coreen Fallat at Coreen.Fallat@wisconsin.gov with questions about process and requirements.

Livestock Facility Siting

- The Livestock Facility Siting Technical Review Committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 24th to discuss odor, setback, and nutrient management with a focus on local standards.
- The Livestock Facility Siting Review Board met in Madison on February 27th.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

- DATCP is offering CREP training for counties with new staff working on CREP. Training covers the CREP basics, county CREP responsibilities, and tools available. These trainings can be held at your local office and are a good opportunity for all local CREP partner agencies (LCD, FSC, NRCS & DATCP) to get together and review CREP in their area. Contact Brian Loeffelholz if you are interested in arranging a CREP training in your area at Brian.Loeffelholz@wisconsin.gov.

Outreach and Training

- DATCP prepared a short training video to provide guidance for landowners and tax preparers when claiming the farmland preservation tax credit. View the 5 minute video [here](#)³.
- The Conservation Professional Training (CPT) [website](#)⁴ streamlines course registration and provides information and resources to conservation professionals. Sign up today!

¹http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Land_and_Water_Conservation/SWRM_Grant_Program_Working_Manual/Allocation_and_Other_SWRM_Functions/index.aspx

²http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Land_and_Water_Conservation/SWRM_Grant_Program_Working_Manual/Allocation_and_Other_SWRM_Functions/index.aspx

³<https://datcp-wi.adobeconnect.com/p9gc65wxjqj/>

⁴<http://conservation-training.uwex.edu/>

- SITCOM developed a newsletter that combines upcoming conservation training opportunities into one bulletin. To sign up to receive the newsletters, contact Christina at: Christina@wisconsinlandwater.org.
- DATCP is offering SnapPlus “Beyond the Basics” and “How to Review a NMP” trainings around the state throughout March. The schedule is as follows:
 - Ag & Extension Service Center, 1150 Bellevue St., Green Bay, March 16th
 - Ag Services & Education Center, 1960 8th Avenue, Baldwin, March 20th
 - County Government Office, 864 Collins Rd., Jefferson, March 23rd
 - UW-Richland, 1000 Hwy 14 W, Richland Center, East Hall, Room 713, March 26th
 - Spooner Ag Research Center, W6646 Hwy 70, Spooner, April 2nd

Beyond the Basics will take place from 9:00-12:00, and NMP review from 1:00-3:00. Additional locations may be added in Abbotsford or Eau Claire if there is enough interest. Contact Lisa Schultz at Lisaj.schultz@wisconsin.gov if you are interested in attending.

Other Updates

- UW-Extension specialists in Agronomy, Entomology, Plant Pathology and Soil Science have recorded 52 new free videos which offer 18 hours of instruction for CCA’s on crop production, pest management, soil and water conservation and nutrient management. The videos are available for no cost and can be accessed online: [WI - Soil science fundamentals for field crops](#)⁵, [WI - Field crop and forage fundamentals](#)⁶, [WI - Weed, insect, disease IPM for field crops](#)⁷.
- USDA-NRCS recently released updated precipitation data for Wisconsin, which will have an impact on several of the conservation engineering practices that use rainfall data. The new precipitation data and background information are available on the NRCS Wisconsin Hydrology, Hydraulics [webpage](#)⁸ (under NRCS Wisconsin Hydrology Resources).
- DATCP staff recently published three Agricultural Impact Statements for Wisconsin DOT highway projects: STH-29 (Woodland Road Project, Brown County), I-94 and USH-12 (Interchange Project, St. Croix County), and STH-29/STH-156 (Intersection Project, Brown County). More information about the agricultural impact statements for these projects can be found [here](#)⁹.
- DATCP Agricultural Impact Statement staff are also working with projects on STH 138 between Oregon and Stoughton, the CapX2020 transmission line from Alma to Holmen, and a potential Beltline Interchange project at 1-39/90 and USH 12/18.
- UW-Extension is hosting a four-part webinar series titled “Watershed-Based Phosphorus Compliance Strategies”. The next webinar installment is scheduled for **March 18th** and the full schedule can be found [here](#)¹⁰.

⁵ https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMF9p1QYShgy2s5lniB5L7N_8QgcETs9-

⁶ https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMF9p1QYShgxEaqT5pEC_mfJHLK2XTma5

⁷ https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMF9p1QYShgyZWu7FhQ2WKgEsX_1Nxye9

⁸ http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/wi/technical/engineering/?cid=nrcs142p2_025417

⁹ http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Agricultural_Impact_Statements/Current_Projects/index.aspx

¹⁰ <http://fyi.uwex.edu/nrwebinars/>

Jefferson County Board Report
3/18/2015

EQIP practices in progress

- Nutrient Management Plans
 - 9 of 10 NMP's have been certified and are ready to be paid
- Working with Mark Steinfest to get prepared for 2015 spring work
- Calling and completing other non-engineering workload in preparation for spring

2015 EQIP signup

- FY15 application deadline was 10/3/2014
 - Received 20 applications
 - 1 contract for Daryl Payne has been signed
 - 3 Honey Bee initiative applications are pre-approved for contracting

Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP)

- CStP payments are all completed
- CStP contracting
 - Received 6 applications for 2015
 - Received 2 applications for 2016 Re-enrollments

General

- Wetland/HEL Determination requests to complete:
 - This process is now handled thru the Juneau Area office so exact progress is not easily tracked
- The past month has consisted of: EQIP reviews/payments, FY2015 EQIP application planning/contracting work, CStP payment certifications, CStP applications and planning, Reviewing engineering workload and preparing for spring
- The next month should consist of: Follow up for WRP monitoring field reviews, completing NMP certifications/payments, FY2015 EQIP application planning work/contracting, CStP 2015/renewal planning/contracting and preparing the incoming Acting DC for Jefferson County workload
 - I have taken the Watseka, IL DC position and will start down there as of 4/20/2015
 - My last day in Jefferson will be either 4/10/2015 or an unknown date during the week of April 12th