

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, May 20, 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 May Agenda
5. Review and Approval of the March 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) May 2015 Report
8. Introduction of Interim NRCS District Conservationist
9. Potential Permit Fee Surcharge in support of Farmland Preservation Easements
10. 2014 - 2015 Tree Sale Report
11. Avian Influenza Status
12. Hoard's Dairyman Facility Update
13. Notice of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
14. Cancellation of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
15. Monthly Financial Report
16. Set Next Meeting (Tntv June 17, 2015) and Possible Agenda Items
17. 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 March 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, and Peter Hartz were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Nancy Lannert, LWCD; and Dennis Vollmer, NRCS. Ed Morse and Carlton Zentner were excused.

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 March agenda:

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

5. Review and approval of the February 18, 2015 meeting minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the February 18, 2015 meeting minutes as written, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

6. Citizen comments:

There were no citizen comments.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) March 2015 report. See attached.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Dennis Vollmer discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. See attached. Dennis Vollmer has accepted another job. This was his last meeting in Jefferson County.

9. Farmer Nutrient Management Planning Reports - Nancy Lannert:

Nancy Lannert discussed the farmer training program. See attached.

10. Spring Spot Check Report - Nancy Lannert:

Nancy Lannert discussed the FPP spot checks. See attached.

11. DATCP cost share contract extension approval:

See attached. Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the extension, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

12. Tree seedling sale update:

Kim Liakopoulos updated the committee on the status of the annual tree sale. See attached.

13. Cropland at the highway shop update:

Nothing new at this time.

14. Hoard's Dairyman facility update:

Nothing new at this time.

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

None at this time.

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

None at this time.

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

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

18. 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 April 15, 2015 at 8:00 in Room 112. Possible agenda items include:

19. Adjournment

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 am, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

DATCP REPORT

May 2015

Soil and Water Resource Management Grants

- The 2016 SWRM grant application review report will be e-mailed to re-verify application data that was submitted to DATCP.
- The 2016 Staffing & Support Reimbursement Form will be new this year and available in June on the DATCP [website](#)¹.
- A revised Cost-Share Contract (Form ARM-LWR-255) is now available on the DATCP [website](#)². DATCP will still accept the old contract version for reimbursements; however, counties are encouraged to start using the updated contract. Changes made include: Page 2 of the contract was updated in Section 1B, **Non-DATCP Funding by Source** was added, and **Location of Cost-Shared Practices** was changed from Legal Description to Parcel Identification Number and/or Latitude & Longitude.

Land and Water Resource Management Plans

- The Land and Water Conservation Board meeting scheduled for June 2nd has been cancelled due to a lack of business items. The next meeting is scheduled for August 4th, 2015.

Livestock Facility Siting

- The Livestock Facility Siting Technical Expert Committee will meet on June 11th at DATCP to discuss the recommendations of the manure irrigation workgroup.

Drainage Districts

- DATCP will prepare for drainage board training to be held in the summer or fall of 2015, and may solicit input on appropriate topics as part of the planning process.

Nutrient Management

- The WinTransect tool, while still available for use, will no longer be supported or updated. SnapPlus can be used in lieu of WinTransect by counties that want to begin or continue performing a transect survey. To learn how to use SnapPlus during a transect survey, contact Sue.Porter@wi.gov, Mark.Jenks@wi.gov, or Stephanie.Schneider@wi.gov.
- The American Water Resources Association recently featured an article about Wisconsin's Runoff Risk Advisory Forecast in the latest issue of their magazine, the Water Resources IMPACT.

Farmland Preservation

- DATCP recently certified farmland preservation zoning ordinances for the Town of Avon (Rock County), the Town of Porter (Rock County), the Town of Fulton (Rock County), the Town of Spring Valley (Rock County), the Town of Bellevue (Brown County), and the Town of Sherman (Sheboygan County).
- DATCP recently certified the Eau Claire County farmland preservation plan and a farmland preservation plan map amendment for Dodge County.

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

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

- DATCP prepared a short training video to provide guidance for landowners and local governments about Agricultural Enterprise Areas. View the 5 minute video [here](#)³.

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@wisconsin.gov if you are interested in arranging a CREP training.
- DATCP prepared a short training video to provide guidance for landowners and local governments about CREP. View the 15 minute tutorial [here](#)⁴.

Outreach and Training

- DATCP will provide nutrient management “Beyond the Basics” and “How to Review a NMP” training on **Wednesday, May 20th** in the Altoona UWEX building in Room 120. Training begins at 8:30am. Laptops will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own to download the latest version of SnapPlus. CEU credits are available for CCAs.
- New Conservation Employee training is scheduled for **Thursday, May 7th** at DATCP in Madison. The one-day training will provide information for new conservation employees on DATCP, DNR, and NRCS programs and provide an opportunity for county staff to meet with agency staff. If you are interested in attending, contact Lisa Schultz at LisaJ.Schultz@wisconsin.gov.
- The UW-CALs and UWEX “Managing Nutrients on Wisconsin Soils” webinar is now available for registration. This training is a self-paced, seven hour, online workshop designed for agency and industry personnel who would like more knowledge of intermediate to advanced topics in soil fertility and soil management. Learning objectives will provide individuals with an understanding of Wisconsin’s nutrient application guidelines, advanced soil fertility management tools, and soil management practices to reduce nutrient loss. Register for the webinar training [here](#)⁵.
- The Conservation Professional Training (CPT) [website](#)⁶ streamlines course registration and provides information and resources to conservation professionals. Sign up today!
- SITCOM developed a newsletter that combines upcoming conservation training opportunities into one bulletin. To sign up to receive the newsletters, contact: Christina@wisconsinlandwater.org.

Staff Updates

- Chris Clayton started at DATCP on May 4th as a Resource Planning Program Manager. Chris’s responsibilities will involve Land and Water Resource Management plan assistance, drainage, livestock facility siting, and board management. Chris brings a range of valuable experience to DATCP, including experience with many land and water conservation issues. Welcome, Chris!
- Lynne Hess retired from DATCP on April 30th after 23 years with the Bureau of Land and Water Resources working in a variety of programs. Most recently, Lynne reviewed farmland preservation plans and ordinances, administered farmland preservation planning grants, and assisted with other duties in farmland preservation programs as needed. Congratulations, Lynne!

³ <https://datcp-wi.adobeconnect.com/p3ckf9o0uwa/>

⁴ <https://datcp-wi.adobeconnect.com/p3ildn0pm3r/>

⁵ <http://patstore.wisc.edu/npm/register.aspx>

⁶ <http://conservation-training.uwex.edu/>

Other Updates

- DATCP Agricultural Impact Statement staff are working with the following projects: CapX2020 transmission line from Alma to Holmen, the Creekview Interconnection project, Eisenhower Drive, and the We Energies West Central Lateral pipeline project in Clark, Eau Claire, Jackson, and Monroe counties. More information about the agricultural impact statement program can be found [here](#)⁷.
- USDA-NRCS announced \$332 million that will be available for financial and technical assistance through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)⁸ to protect productive farm and ranch land, wetlands, and grassland. Applications for ACEP can be submitted at any time to NRCS, however, applications for the current funding round must be submitted on or before **May 15th, 2015**.
- USDA- NRCS announced \$235 million available for conservation partnership projects through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)⁹ to improve water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat, and protect agricultural viability. Pre-proposals are due **July 8th, 2015**. If counties are interested in pursuing an application or using SWRM funding for significant contribution, please contact Lisa Schultz at LisaJ.Schultz@wisconsin.gov for a letter of support.

⁷ http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Agricultural_Impact_Statements/Current_Projects/index.aspx

⁸ <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/acep/>

⁹ <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmbill/rcpp/>