

Land & Water Conservation Committee

Minutes

May 18, 2011

1. Call to order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Burow at 8:32 a.m. Committee members Walt Christensen and Greg Torres were also present. Scott Zimmerman arrived at 8:34 a.m. and Carlton Zentner arrived at 8:35 a.m. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Beth Klotz, LWCD; Nancy Lannert, LWCD; John Molinaro, County Board Chairperson; and Jan Roou were also in attendance. Dennis Vollmer, NRCS arrived at 8:35 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. Review and approval of the April meeting minutes:

Torres made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes as written, Christensen seconded. Motion carried, 3/0.

6. Citizens comments:

There were no citizen comments.

7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report:

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

8. LWCD & NRCS contract cost report:

Watkins distributed a copy of the NRCS Contribution Contract Report. See attached. The LWCD expended 145 man-hours for a total of \$5200 in wages. The department was reimbursed \$6978 for a revenue generation of \$1778.

9. Proposed Highway Department location on the county farm:

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Highway Department location on the county farm. Dissension regarding the placement and potential current and future value of the land occurred. Committee members were encouraged to attend the Infrastructure and Highway Committee meetings to give input. LWCC members and Watkins will meet to look at maps, brainstorm and consider alternatives to the proposed site. If a quorum plans to attend, this meeting will be posted to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

10. Notice of Non-Compliance with the Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)

Elmer and Ruth Keske, Charles and Doreen Renz, Richard and Renee Novotny, Jeffrey and Rebecca Weber, Gregory Preuss, Ken and Donna Grugel, LBK Living Trust C/O Larry Kramer, Glenn and Mary Rummler Trust, John, Brenda, and Charles Soden, Sharilyn Vick, Timothy and Kim Zindl, Sandra Skalitzky, Jeffrey and Susan Schaefer, Randy and Tammy Kozak and Joel Orchard request to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program.

Zentner moved and Torres seconded to approve Elmer and Ruth Keske, Charles and Doreen Renz, Richard and Renee Novotny, Jeffrey and Rebecca Weber, Gregory Preuss, Ken and Donna Grugel, LBK Living Trust C/O Larry Kramer, Glenn and Mary Rummler Trust, John, Brenda, and Charles Soden, Sharilyn Vick, Timothy and Kim Zindl, Sandra Skalitzky, Jeffrey and Susan Schaefer,

Randy and Tammy Kozak and Joel Orchard's Voluntary Notices of Non-participation which will allow them to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program database. Motion carried 5/0.

11. FPP Audit Results

A copy of the May 12, 2011 FPP Audit paperwork was distributed. The LWCD passed.

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

Copies of the latest Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for LWCD were distributed. See attached. The department is on target with revenues and expenditures.

13. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence at this time.

14. 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 Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 8:30 in Room 202. Possible agenda items include: Monthly financial report and proposed highway department location on the county farm.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Zentner and seconded by Christensen at 9:36 a.m. Motion carried, 5/0.