

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2012

TIME: 9:00a.m. PLACE: A231

Called meeting to order at 9:00a.m. Roll call showed Barb Morgan excused and Kevin Bork absent, all others present.

Harrison stated that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Roekle/James to Approve Agenda. Passed Unanimously.

Motion by Licitar/Roekle to Approve minutes of July 9, 2012 Land & Water Conservation Committee meetings. Passed Unanimously.

Public participation: No Public present.

There was no Wildlife Abatement and Claims report.

There was no report given for the WDNR.

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L&WC Department report and possible action- the July 2012 Department Report was given to committee members, questions and discussion occurred on New Chester Dairy/waste storage. James commented on the placement of the buoys in the Tri-Lakes, he has heard positive things about the buoys being placed in front of the dams. Murphy updated the committee on the progress of the placement of the buoys on Big Roche-a-Cri – this Friday, August 17th at 9am there is a conference call taking place involving the DNR, Murphy, Rich Matzke and Jack Allen.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report – Licitar gave the report. Next meeting is August 20, 2012 at 9:30am agenda items include budget, 2013 fee schedule and renaming of the organization.

Golden Sands Resource Conversation and Development, James reported that their next meeting is this Saturday, August 18th and that it is their 40th anniversary dinner party. He is concerned that their count will be down for this gathering due to late advertising. Next meeting is set for Sept 20, 2012.

There was no report given for the USDA Farm Services Agency.

Financial Report- Murphy discussed that due to the increased gas prices we will probably be over budget in that line item. Unemployment is over due to the fact that nothing is ever budgeted for that.

Introduction of Scott Noble/Discussion of natural resources- Scott Noble was not present.

Report on Dave Dehmlow's progress with resolving storm water runoff issue.- Murphy reported, "Everyone seems to be on the same page." Dehmlow is currently working with MSA in developing a design which he will provide to Murphy for review.

Report on plat map for Big Springs. MSA is supposed to have completed this plat map already; this plat map has been paid for. Letter will be sent from committee giving MSA 10 days to have this completed.

Discuss and possible action on 2013 budget. Items that were discussed; health insurance increase due to different employee in conservation clerk position.; \$30,000 for contracted services is listed for Agronomist contracted services with Golden Sands RC&D. Convention fees were moved to DATCP. Discussion on the \$85,000 listed under capital improvements. This was broken down as \$50,000 for capital improvements (dam repairs) and

\$35,000 listed for the possibility of purchasing the property next to the Easton Dam. It was decided to take the \$35,000 out of capital improvements, leave the \$50,000.

Motion was made by James/Stuchlak for L&WC Department to look into purchasing the property next to the Easton Dam.

Other items that were discussed regarding the 2013 budget were uniforms, Computer/software purchase for NR 151; Lake Specialist percentages (2012 was 57% and 2013 will be 37% paid by county), under vehicles; gas is broken down per department. Upcoming dam repairs; Sherwood and Arrowhead seal replacements. For 2013 the costs will be for the engineering fees for the design and for 2014 the costs will be for the actual replacement of the seals. Small equipment increase is for the purchase of a lawn mower and weed eater to take care of McGinnis and Peppermill.

Motion to approve the 2013 Budget by James/Licitar. Passed unanimously.

Meeting to sign off on budget items is set for August 21, 2012 at 5:45pm prior to the County Board Meeting.

Communications: Murphy spoke about his frustrations in regards to the budget process and requested the process change. Murphy brought forth the article on Wetlands at Risk-ACT 118 – developers to fill in wetlands, Committee decided to provide comment.

Discussion on bids that came in for Camelot repairs/ Ayres suggested that we accept base line bid- Holtz Letter sent to Tri-Lakes giving permission for trapping to take place on dams.

A letter was sent to the animal waste ordinance advisory group in regards to first meeting/copy to be given to all committee members.

Discussion on boat washing stations to be installed at county parks –

Motion to break for 5 minutes at 10:55am – to include Fred from Parks in the discussion.

Meeting called back to order at 11:00am –

A joint committee meeting is requested between Health & Human Services/Parks/Land & Water Conservation Department in regards to blue-green algae and boat washing stations to be placed at the landings. It was discussed that this meeting take place in early November. Fred Nickel stated that he has attended several of these types of meetings and he is not able to attend this meeting in November but that he wants it noted that his department will be 100% cooperative in this matter.

Next meeting date is September 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in room A231

Motion to Adjourn by James/Roekle at 11:25pm - Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;
Michelle Harrison