

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2012

Unapproved

TIME: 1:00p.m. PLACE: County Board Room

Sebastiani called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m. Roll call showed all committee members present. Committee members introduced themselves.

Harrison stated that the meeting was properly noticed.

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

Motion made by Licitar/Roekle to approve minutes of December 10, 2012 and November 6, 2012 Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting and November 1, 2012 of joint committee for blue-green algae policies. Passed Unanimously.

Public Participation as we go.

Discuss and possible action on the 2012 Wildlife Damage Program budget amendment. Benson explained that the venison donation program budget needed to be amended by \$500.00 due the additional venison that will still be donated.

Motion made by Stuchlak/Morgan to amend the budget by \$500.00. Passed Unanimously.

NRCS report and possible action. Kominsky stated that this Friday, Jan 18th was the deadline for sending in an application for any conservation practices that would be funded through EQIP. Once the applications have been received they would then go through a ranking process.

L&WC Department report and possible action. Murphy handed out the December 2012 Department Report. No discussion took place.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report and possible action. Licitar reported that they discussed hiring an intern to do the replanting this year. April 9th at 9:30 is their next meeting.

Motion made by James/Morgan to deviate from the agenda and skip to item I, J, K and L.

Presentation on proposed partnership agreement between Adams County and Global Environmental Infrastructure Technology Solutions. The presentation was given by Murphy. Daric Smith was also available to answer any questions. In summary, GEITS is a Singapore registered entity with projects in Australia and India. This company is in need of a high quality manufacturing base in the USA to launch floating solar panels all over the NAFTA region. The power from the floating solar generates a revenue stream for GEITS who may then use a portion of the revenue to fund a onetime clean up of algae on Petenwell Lake through a patented process called Flocculation. This partnership would bring much needed jobs to the area, clean up the algae on Petenwell Lake as well as generate renewable green energy for GEITS.

On Jan 31, 2013 at 5:00pm at the Adams County Courthouse courtroom, there will be a video conference with Felicia Whiting, a representative of GEITS.

Presentation on NR 151 implementation and cost sharing programs. Murphy presented on this topic. A fact sheet was handed out describing the performance standards of NR 151. Chris explained the process that LWCD takes in implementing these standards with the landowners. He also stated that the Land and Water Management Plan is due to be updated this year (2013). Currently the department is working on Easton Lake Watershed and then moving onto Mason Lake Watershed. Cost sharing programs were explained. Currently we have a Natural Resource Account but this account has limited funds. There is a need to create a funding mechanism for this account. The second item discussed was the WDNR Lake Protection Grant. This is state funded money up to \$200,000 available through a grant, which we compete against other entities for this money.

Chuck Sibilsky presented on the Soil & Water Resource Management Program. He explained that this program is funded by an annual allocation through DATCP. He gave a detailed explanation on how this money is allocated to landowners for their projects, including hard and soft practices. 70% of the total cost of the project is what is allowed to be cost shared, with 30% being the landowner's responsibility.

Discussion and possible action on Land and Water Resources Management Plan. A handout was given out, Murphy spoke about the plan. This plan needs to be revised.

At 3:02pm a motion was made by James/Stuchlak to take a 10 minute recess.

Meeting was called back to order at 3:12pm.

Discussion took place on moving forward with updating the Land & Water Resource Management Plan. It was decided that the department would conduct meetings for public participation.

Motion was made by Roekle/Stuchlak to deviate from the agenda and go back to item H.

Discussion and possible action on Dave Dehmlow's Stormwater Runoff Issue. Dehmlow along with his engineer, Brian from MSA presented to the board that they do not agree with the design produced by the Adams County Land and Water Department for the grass waterway. Dehmlow stated that there is already a natural grass waterway in his field. He is against having to split his field in half according to this LWCD design. Dehmlow presented a letter to the board that explained how he would like to fix the issue at hand, which he feels would better take care of the erosion issues. Discussion occurred in regards to the letter that was sent by Murphy dated December 10, 2012. Dehmlow had an issue with the height/date requirement of the cover crop. Murphy stated that the height requirement is not an issue and it can be removed from the plan. Dehmlow stated that if he is allowed to go ahead with his design and it does not solve the issues that he would then follow the AC Land & Water design by putting in another sediment pond and a grass waterway. Murphy told the board that they needed to consider the precedent that they would be setting if they allowed Dehmlow to go ahead with his plan vs following the plan/design that the Land & Water Department issued.

Stuchlak/Bork made a motion to allow construction as stated in Dave Dehmlow's letter that was presented to the board today. Roll call vote. Bork-yes, Roekle-yes, James-yes, Stuchlak-yes, Licitar-no, Sabastiani-no. Motion carried.

Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development report and possible action. Stuchlak attending this Thursday's meeting.

USDA Farm Services Agency report and possible action. No report given.

Financial report

Motion was made by James/Roekle to approve the financials. Passed unanimously.

Report on Vorticity Investigation for Tri-Lakes Dams. Murphy explained that the investigation shows that issues arise when the gates are open. Therefore, warning markers need to be placed in front of the dams. These buoys will be placed at the same time the others are installed in spring.

Discuss and possible action on correspondence received from planning and zoning in regards to the status of residential septic systems. Discussion took place in regards to the septic systems that are not in the three year maintenance plan and the fact that they have not been inspected, as indicated on the correspondence received from P&Z. A statement was made that the planning and zoning department cannot inspect these septic systems.

Items for next month's Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting: none

Next meeting date: February 11, 2013 at 1:00pm

Motion to Adjourn at 4:10pm by James/Stuchlak.

Respectfully Submitted;
Michelle Harrison