

# LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

February 9, 2015 – 1:00 P.M.

Courthouse Conference Room: A231

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Stuchlak at 1:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. Harrison stated that the meeting was properly announced.

**Present:** Joe Stuchlak, Heidi Roekle, Barb Morgan, Onie Karch, Paul Pisellini, Dan Wysocky, Kevin Bork, Wally Sedlar, Michelle Harrison were all present. Concerned citizens: Kay Olson-Martz, Bill Euclide, Meagan Duberstein NRCS(arrived at 1:10pm), John Wallendal, Barry Benson(Wildlife Abatement) and Brian Loeffelholz/DATCP.

Motion by Morgan/ Roekle to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Wysocky/Pisellini to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public participation as we go.

**Discuss and/or act on Wildlife Abatement 2014 Damage claims.** Barry Benson handed out the 2014 Adams County Damage Summary; the hand out shows everyone who participated in the program. 107 deer were shot on AG tags for 2014. There were five damage claims. Benson recommends that four of the five claims get paid in the amount of \$10,816.31. Discussion took place. Motion by Roekle/Morgan to pay the four claims and deny the one. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Discuss and/or act on cost share proposal for a deer fence for Prairie Vista Cranberries.** Benson stated that Prairie Vista Cranberries is looking to request cost sharing through the WDNR for a fence to be placed on a total of 380 acres to prevent deer damage to the cranberries. This process requires the Land and Water Committee participation then it would be moved on to the DNR. Discussion took place. Motion made by Roekle/Pisellini to approve the fence project and move it onto the DNR. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Brian Loeffelholz to discuss potential CREP involvement in Adams County.** Brian gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the CREP Program. This is a partnership program with USDA/FSA/DATCP/NRCS. There is \$28 million dollars in state funds available. Our county would most likely sign up for Riparian. Morgan asked Wallendal and Olson-Martz for their comments. Discussion took place. One concern that was asked is if there were other strings attached to this contract for the landowner? Brian answered that there was no other strings attached other than maintenance. Motion made by Morgan/Pisellini giving Sedlar permission to move forward with a letter and a map of the county to place in the CREP program to be presented at the next committee meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Report on NRCS.** Meagan stated that the Stewardship Program is a 5 year program that awards farmers for installing new conservation activities and maintaining existing practices. The deadline for this program is Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Meagan also discussed an irrigation cost sharing program.

**Report on WNDR-** None

**Report on L&WC department activities-** Harrison gave an update on the tree and shrub sale.

**Report on Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners-** none

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**Report on Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development-** Stuchlak stated that Golden Sands has a part time grant writing position open as well as a member needed for the personnel and finance committee, which Stuchlak put in for. He also stated that a grant has been applied for phosphorus loading in the Wisconsin River Watershed for Wood, Portage and Marathon counties.

**Report on USDA Farm Services Agency-** Bork gave the 2014 yearend report. Numbers are up vs yearend of 2013.

**Report on Duck Creek Activities-** Euclide reported that their 503 B process is moving right along.

**Discuss and/or act on Adams County Representation at Golden Sands RC&D meeting.** The question has come up as to why there is three people representing Adams County at the Golden Sands meeting. Sedlar, Evans and Stuchlak all attend. It was stated that with Evans' hours being cut it is not wise to have all 3 attend. Discussion took place. Motion made by Roekle/Morgan to approve Wally Sedlar as the Adams County Representative and to not allow Reesa Evans to attend as Adams County staff, Evans is not to attend on Adams County time, unless asked to fill in for Sedlar. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Financial report-** Sedlar gave an overview of the financial report. March 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day to post for 2014. The complete 2014 yearend report will be available then. Motion made by Roekle/Wysocky to approve the financial report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Communications:** Lake Tides is a free publication. Committee members were asked if they would like to receive this by email or a hard copy. Donations are needed for the silent auction for the WLWCA conference. Cottonville Dam project is moving ahead. Town of Preston approved the Special Exception permit. Sedlar will be going before the Board of Adjustment Feb 18, 2015 to finalize the permit process. The bulk heads for Sherwood and Arrowhead are being designed. Once the bulk heads are designed then they will go out for bid. Sedlar is finalizing the timeline with the dive team and construction crew. Sedlar would like to present a PowerPoint at next month's meeting on Wisconsin River TMDL. Stuchlak attended Scott Krug's meeting on Groundwater in the Town of Rome. Discussion was on putting more restrictions on High Capacity Wells.

Items for next month's Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting: PowerPoint Presentation on Wisconsin River TMDL by Sedlar/CREP letter and map/DATCP staffing grant for 2016.

Next meeting date: March 3, 2015 at 1:00pm in room A231.

Motion by Roekle/Morgan to adjourn at 2:30p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Harrison  
Recording Secretary

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