

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 13, 2011 TIME: 9:00 a.m. PLACE: Room A231

Present: Glenn Licitar, Barb Morgan, Terry James, Joe Stuchlak, Karl Klingforth, Diane England

Absent: Kevin Bork

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Stuchlak at 9:02 a.m.

Was the meeting properly announced? Yes

Approve Agenda: Motion by James; seconded by Morgan to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Licitar; seconded by England to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2011 Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation: Chair Stuchlak stated he would take public participation as needed.

Wildlife Abatement and Claims Program: No report

WDNR: No report

NRCS: Michelle Kominsky presented the new Operations Agreement and asked that it be put on the July agenda. Marian Jordan is the new soils conservationist at their office.

LWCD Monthly Report: Murphy distributed the report. James asked Murphy for an update on the County Parks riparian buffer plans. He said Fred Nichols, Parks Director, has been cooperative and will be bringing the matter to his committee meeting in July. Murphy was also asked for an update on the Big Spring project and told the committee excavation will begin the end of June or early July.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners: No report. The next meeting is June 20, 2011.

North Central Land and Water Conservation Association: No report. England stated that the meetings are held so far north (3-4 hours) she questions the justification in attending.

Golden Sands Resource, Conservation and Development Report: James reported that the financials look good for Golden Sands to move forward.

USDA Farm Services Agency: No report.

Agricultural Shoreland Buffers: Jack Albert, Corp Counsel, joined the meeting for Murphy's power point presentation concerning Adams County agricultural shoreland buffers and drainage ditches. After discussion, there was a motion by James; seconded by Klingforth to have Chris Murphy send a request to the three acting members of the Leola Drainage District Volunteer Oversight Committee to attend the July 11, 2011 Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by James; seconded by England at 10:28 to take a short break. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting called to order by Chair Stuchlak at 10:36 a.m.

Programmable Stream Monitors: Due to carry-over amounts not being known yet, this item will be addressed at the July committee meeting.

Sherwood Dam Toe Drain Project: Murphy reported that the kick-off meeting was today (June 13) at 1:00 and that excavation should start this afternoon or tomorrow.

Tree and Shrub Sale Report: Johnson reported that the Tree and Shrub sale went very well and netted a profit of \$4,878.

Dam Operator Activities: Murphy reported that Tom Pierce parks on the Upper Camelot dike and turns around on it, and the ruts at Sherwood dam have been there a very long time, and he does not drive on the dams when completing inspections. Murphy stated Pierce has an open invitation to anyone who would like to join him inspecting the dams.

Department Website: General consensus was that the committee would consider adding the expense of an independent department website to the 2012 budget. The development of the website would cost approximately \$2,000 with an additional \$20/month to maintain.

Cost-Sharing Contracts: The following Lake Protection Grant cost-share contracts were presented: 1) Laufenberg (Big Roche-A-Cri); 2) O'Donnell (Big Roche-A-Cri); 3) Bultman (Big Roche-A-Cri); 4) Mickler (Camelot); and, 5) Patrick and Lynn Lund (~~Arrowhead~~) (Arkdale). Motion by Klingforth; seconded by Licitar to approve the cost-share contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The following SWRMP cost-share contracts were presented: 1) Jacobs (windbreak); 2) Knutson (stream bank protection); 3) Coon (stream bank protection); and, 4) Fabor (stream bank protection). Motion by England; seconded by Morgan to approve the cost-share contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel and Training Requests: None

Communications: Information in the committee packets was reviewed. England said she received an email asking why Fawn Lake's level was so low. Murphy replied that there was a misunderstanding about the level, but everything is back in order. LWCC agreed to send a letter to Luther Olson thanking him for voting to leave the P rule intact.

Financial Report: Motion by James; seconded by England to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Items for the July L&WC Committee Meeting:

- Leola Drainage District Volunteer Oversight Committee
- NRCS Operation Agreement
- Programmable stream monitors
- Sherwood Dam Update

Motion by James; seconded by Morgan to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried unanimously

Next scheduled meeting:

Monday, July 11, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., Room A231

Minutes taken by:

Pat Johnson

Conservation Clerk