

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
April 13, 2015 – 1:00 P.M.
Courthouse Conference Room: A260

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Stuchlak at 1:03pm. Pledge of Allegiance and introductions were conducted.

Present: Joe Stuchlak, Onie Karch, Paul Pisellini, Dan Wysocky, Wally Sedlar, Michelle Harrison were all present. **Excused:** Heidi Roekle, Barb Morgan, Kevin Bork *Concerned citizens:* Kay Olson-Martz, Dave Skala, Jim Kocinski.

Motion by Wysocky/Pisellini to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Motion by Karch/Wysocky to approve the minutes of March 3, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public participation as we go.

Report on Wildlife Abatement and fence project. Barry Benson has not arrived yet – Sedlar explained that it looks like the DNR will not be able to fund the entire project. The smaller of the two projects possibly could be a go.

Move to item 3 on the agenda as Benson has not arrived

Report on NRCS. Michelle Komiskey from the NRCS reported that this year there will be a new work group which includes the landowners and committee members of Adams, Waushara, Marquette and Green Lake. This group meets once a year either in July or August to prioritize the importance of practices. Currently Adams County has 12 active contracts. 27 applications on file; some ranked lower than others which won't be funded. Cover Crop and Honey Bee deadlines are both June 5th –

Report on Wildlife Abatement and fence project Barry Benson arrived at 1:10pm – Benson explained that the fence project involves Leola Cranberries and Prairie Vista Cranberries- these two companies are owned by brothers. At this time there seems to be some conflict that would need to be resolved before the bigger project moved forward.

Discuss and/or act on Wildlife Deer Damage Fence violation. Benson explained that citizens called about dead deer being inside a fence due to gates being left open, which is a violation of the cost share contract. A letter was provided in the committee packet, Benson recommended that the committee send the landowner this letter as a reminder of his obligations under contract. Motion made by Wysocky/Pisellini to approve the letter and send to the landowner. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Report on WNDR- Austin Felts, WDNR, Adams County Forester- stated that the department has 2 tree planters that were maintenance last year. Private landowners can rent the equipment to plant their trees – as of now there are only 2 contracts for this year. Felts gave an update on the MFL in Adams County. Last year over 2000 acres withdrew from MFL contracts. He stated that there is concern that many large accounts, Meteor Timbers is not renewing the land due to clearing and cropping.

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After this year the DNR Wisconsin Rapids nursery will be closing for good. There were 30,000 seedlings sold from nursery for Adams County this number is down significantly from prior years. Darren Ladwig DNR Wildlife Biologist who replaced Jon Robaidek, started in Dec 2014. He is currently working on the Rough Grouse habitat project in Colburn Marsh. He has completed some deer assessments, radio collaring waterfowl.

Report on L&WC department activities- Monthly report submitted in packet

Report on Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners- no report

Report on Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development- Stuchlak attended last meeting and it was not well attended due to the Wis River Symposium that same day. They discussed the number of staff in each county office within the 7 counties. The Prairie Brewery Bash was held last Saturday and that seemed well attended.

Report on USDA Farm Services Agency- None

Report on Duck Creek Activities- Guest Speaker at last meeting was Kevin Mazurek from UWSP. He spoke about ground water issues.

Presentation from PACRS. President, Rick Georgeson and Secretary, Colette Ameretto presented a PowerPoint to discuss the PACRS organization. Past accomplishments, present and future activities were reviewed.

Discuss and/or act on cost share agreements. Sedlar stated that currently there are 3 cost share agreements that need to be acted on. Arends for \$5927.00, Jefferson for \$8833.00 and Little for \$4756.00. Discussion took place. Motion made by Karch/Pisellini to approve all 3 cost share agreements. There are 5 additional cost share agreements that will need to be acted on prior to next month's meeting, Mortenson Bros for \$7014.00, second one for Mortenson Bros for \$4277.00, Schliepp for \$3885.70, and Hammerly for \$15,597.00 and Grabarec for \$1840.00 – Motion made by Pisellini/Wysocky to allow the chair, Stuchlak to sign the 5 additional cost shares.

Discuss and/or act on Managed Forest Land monies resolution. Stuchlak suggested that we table this resolution to the next month's meeting when the entire committee will be present.

Financial report- Discussion took place in regards to the costs for the dam repairs. Motion made by Wysocky/Karch to approve the financial report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communications: Lake Winnebago has accepted Adams County LWCD into their area association. Getting bids for the bulk head. Pre-Bid meeting at Cottonville 4/14/15. Easton dam was scheduled for an inspection last year but was not completed. So it will be getting done this year. The cost is roughly \$1500.00. Donation letter to Lake Associations will be going out this week. The department received a \$500 check from Tri-Lakes requesting that we submit a permit for a draw down on Lake Camelot for shoreline projects. We will need to have the total number of projects being completed to submit with the application. Sedlar stated that he is having issues getting an Animal Waste Storage Citation issued. Discussion took place. It was decided that the

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ordinance needed to have “more teeth” and to add it to next month’s agenda to look into. Harrison stated that there are still some trees and shrubs left to sell. Pick up/Sale is May 1st and 2nd, 2015. For the past two years the County received a DNR grant for phosphorus testing, one stream per year. This year three of us applied for the grant to test a stream. Happy to announce that the three of us received a grant to test our site. Harrison, Bill Euclide and Jay Jocham will be testing at Duck Creek, Dry Creek and Big Roche a Cri.

Items for next month’s Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting: Animal Waste Storage revision, MFL resolution

Next meeting date: May 11, 2015 at 1:00pm in room A231.

Motion by Wysocky/Karch to adjourn at 2:30p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Harrison
Recording Secretary

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