

**NOT APPROVED**

**LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

DATE: May 10, 2010 TIME: 9:00 a.m. PLACE: Room A230

**Present:** Diane England, Glenn Licitar, Barb Morgan, Kevin Bork, Joe Stuchlak, Karl Klingforth. Terry James was excused.

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Barb Petkovsek, Adams County Administrative Coordinator/Director of Finance at 9:20 a.m.

**Was the meeting properly announced?** Yes

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Klingforth, seconded by Licitar to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Appointment of Officers:** Motion by Klingforth seconded by Licitar to name Joe Stuchlak as Chairman of the Land & Water Conservation Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by England, seconded by Stuchlak to nominate Terry James as Vice Chairman of the Land & Water Conservation Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Stuchlak, seconded by Klingforth to nominate Licitar as Recording Secretary of the Land & Water Conservation Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Bork, seconded by Klingforth to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2010 and April 20, 2010 Planning and Development Committee meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Participation:** Chair Stuchlak stated he would take public participation as needed, allowing each participant three minutes.

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Klingforth at 9:31 a.m. to convene in closed session per § 1985(1)(G) Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Roll call: England – yes; Licitar – yes; Morgan – yes; Bork – yes; Stuchlak – yes; Klingforth – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Licitar, seconded by England to reconvene to open session. Roll call: England – yes; Licitar – yes; Morgan – yes; Bork – yes; Stuchlak – yes; Klingforth – yes. Motion carried

Motion by Morgan, seconded by England at 10:37 to take a short break. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting called to order by Chair Stuchlak at 10:45 a.m.

Motion by Klingforth, seconded by Bork to deviate from the agenda and go to item T next. Motion carried unanimously.

**Cost Containment Procedures:** Mike Irwin of DCM Landscape was present to voice concerns and ideas concerning Adams County's cost sharing bidding process. He asked that this item be put on the June agenda. Murphy stated that the county has followed the same cost containment procedures for 8 years successfully, and that the cost containment procedures are in line with state standards. Motion by Klingforth, seconded by Stuchlak to continue "as is" and table the

item and agendaize it for June. Roll call: England – yes; Licitar – yes; Morgan – yes; Bork – yes; Stuchlak – yes; Klingforth – yes. Motion carried Murphy requested that if any LWCC member initiates discussions with a private contractor regarding policy development, that he be notified and be included in the discussions. The Committee acknowledged Murphy’s request.

Motion by Klingforth, seconded by Morgan to return to item B on the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Shermalot Ski Team:** Dave Fink represented the Ski Team. He said he would like to see the Ski Team be able to work within state law and with the Town of Rome. Jack Albert, Corporate Counsel stated that the Ski Team would have to comply with State and Town ordinances as well as all County ordinances.

Fink stated the team would be incurring great expense to comply with the Draft Agreement and asked for \$5,000 to help pay for the cost to extend dock. He also asked permission to install an irrigation system and bleachers and be able to use the County lawn tractor to maintain the lawn area. They would also like to participate in monitoring the dam. Albert stated these items were not in the agreement and they are an administrative matter.

Movement and placement of the buoys was discussed. Fred Nickel, Parks Department, stated that Wednesday and Saturday evenings were not practical for Parks personnel to remove and replace the buoys around the public swimming beach before and after the shows. Murphy stated LWCD’s intent is to place buoys 100 feet from the dam. McLaughlin asked Murphy and Nichols to put their intents in writing so they can be considered by Town of Rome Board during Town Ordinances..

Reesa Evans, Land & Water Conservation Dept., stated that there are liability issues. She added “To protect myself from any potential liability, I want to restate my original position in opposition to the ski team using the dam. I believe it’s a potential danger to the earthen dam, plus giving any group special treatment or exceptions creates an additional potential liability”.

Motion by Klingforth, seconded by Bork to accept the agreement with modifications to items #7 and #14 and direct parties to work out acceptable language in other areas. Roll call vote: England – yes; Licitar – yes; Morgan – yes; Bork – yes; Stuchlak – yes; Klingforth – yes. Motion carried

Motion by Licitar, seconded by Morgan to meet again May 18 at 5:30 to discuss. Motion carried unanimously

**Easton Dam Update:** Bremer reported that the majority of the work is complete and the road should be paved this week or next, depending on weather.

**Wildlife Abatement and Claims Program:** No report.

**WDNR Report:** No report

**NRCS:** Tonya, NRCS Soil Conservationist, reported that Conservation Stewardship program signups are until the end of May.

**Resolution for Adams County Surveyor to Define Property Boundaries for Lots 1-5 and 16-18 in New Haven Assessor's Plat #1 (#2010-25):** Murphy informed the Committee that the person who serves as County Surveyor is also an MSA Professional Services, Inc. employee, so the agreement is actually between MSA and the County. Therefore, the resolutions needs to be changed to reflect MSA Professional Services, Inc. in place of Adams County Surveyor. Motion by Stuchlak, seconded by Bork to approve the correction to Resolution #2010-25. Motion carried unanimously.

**Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners:** Motion by Stuchlak, seconded by England to appoint Glen Licitar as Adams County Land & Water Conservation representative to the Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners. Motion carried unanimously.

**North Central Land and Water Cons Assoc:** Motion by Stuchlak, seconded by Klingforth to appoint Diane England as Adams County Land & Water Conservation representative to the North Central Land and Water Conservation Association. Motion carried unanimously. The next meeting is June 18 in Antigo. If England is unable to attend, Klingforth will attend.

**Golden Sand Resource, Conservation and Development:** No meeting, thus, no report.

**USDA Farms Services Agency:** Bork reported that 68% of corn and 15% of soy beans have been planted.

**Land & Water Resources Management Plan and 2010 Annual Plan of Operations:** Murphy reviewed these plans with the new Committee.

**Citizen Based Lake Monitoring Program:** A PowerPoint presentation explaining the Lake Monitoring and Clean Boat, Clean Water programs was given by Evans.

**Soil & Water Resource Management Program (SWRMP):** Murphy discussed this program in Sibilisky's absence.

**Dam Inspection and Operation Maintenance Program and Current Projects:** Bremer brought the Committee up to date.

**Stormwater Runoff Ordinance:** A PowerPoint presentation explaining SRO permit policies and violations was given by Bremer.

**Citizen Based Stream Monitoring Program:** Johnson gave a report on this volunteer-based program.

**Annual Tree and Shrub Sale:** Johnson informed the Committee that the program brought in a profit of \$3,660.

**Cost-sharing contracts and /or grant applications:** Motion by Licitar, seconded by England to approve the Wagner Riparian Buffer cost-sharing contract. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bork, seconded by Klingforth to approve the Bula-Geringer Farms cost-sharing contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**Travel and training requests:** None

**Communications:** Murphy requested the Committee to consider sending a letter to the counties that don't belong to the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) asking them to reconsider their membership. The Committee gave Murphy permission to send the letter. Murphy asked for a consensus to provide the Big Roche-A-Cri Advisory Group a support letter for improving the Highway 13 boat launch. Permission granted.

**Financial Report:** No report

**Items for June L&WC Committee Meeting:** Cost containment procedures, Shermalot Ski Team.

Motion by England, seconded by Licitar to adjourn at 1:13 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next scheduled meetings:**

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. and Monday, June 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

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Submitted by:  
Joe Stuchlak  
Land & Water Conservation  
Committee Chair

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Minutes taken by:  
Pat Johnson  
Conservation Clerk