

# LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2013

Approved

TIME: 1:00p.m. PLACE: A231

Sebastiani called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m. All present- with Jack Allen substituting for Heidi Roekle and Rocky Gilner substituting for Glenn Licitar.

Harrison stated that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Stuchlak/James to approve the agenda.

Murphy read letter to committee that he wrote himself in regards to items P and Q on the agenda.

Motion made by James/Stucklak to remove item P from the agenda to be postponed and reviewed before the next meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Motion made by James/Bork to approve minutes for February 11, 2013 and March 14, 2013 Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Public Participation as we go.

**Discuss and possible action on request from Duck Creek Watershed Advisory Group for financial assistance for stream data loggers.** Stuchlak asked to abstain from item A due to the fact that he is the Vice President of the Duck Creek Advisory board. The data loggers are needed to complete a task for the restoration project, Duck Creek Advisory Group is willing to put forward 10% and requesting that the LWCD pay for 90% of the total cost to come out of the natural resource account. Discussion took place. The data loggers will remain the property of Adams County Land & Water. Motion made by James/Allen to pay 90% of the total invoice while 10% will be paid by Duck Creek. Passed Unanimously.

**Discuss and possible action on citizen request regarding the development of a groundwater map for Adams County.** Tom Feller was not able to make today's meeting due to an unexpected family occurrence. Place item on next month's agenda.

**Discuss and possible action on request from WDNR for financial assistance for grassland restoration project.** Jon Robaidek explained that the DNR has purchased 40 acres in the Town of Leola which is need of grass cover to eliminate erosion. The total cost of the project is \$4728.00; the WDNR is requesting \$3308.00 from our Natural Resource account.

Motion made by James/Stuchlak to approve the \$3308.00 out of the Natural Resource account. Roll call showed all yes except Bork no.

**Wildlife Abatement and Claims report and possible action.** None

**NRCS report and possible action.** Komiskey gave report – reminders about the farm bill program and the extension of the deadline for the USDA claims process for woman and Hispanic ranchers.

**WDNR report and possible action.** Jon Robaidek gave report in regards to the Deer Hunter Forum for DMU's within Adams, Juneau, and Wood Counties.

**L&WC Department report and possible action.** Murphy handed out March's report. Discussion occurred. Sebastiani asked for an update on GEITS. GEITS is no longer looking into the Petenwell Project, they have now gone to plan B which is selling power to the Hospital, Adams County Government, and the City of Adams for their wastewater treatment facility. Discussion occurred in regards to whether or not GEITS selling the power was even legal. Discussion occurred that if they have moved to plan B shouldn't there also be a new resolution brought forth to the county board. It was suggested that the County should have an attorney and an electrical engineer at the next county board meeting.

Stuchlak asked for updates with the Animal Waste Advisory Group, will we be seeing any changes to the ordinances? Murphy stated that they have not come forward with any changes to ordinances.

Allen brought forth questions pertaining to groundwater nitrogen testing. Discuss took place. Murphy stated that this would be addressed when Tom Feller gives his presentation next month.

Sebastiani asked about the Clean Boats/Clean Water grant – has the amount increased to \$200- Murphy stated he was not sure, would need to look into that.

**Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report and possible action.** None

**Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development report and possible action.** Stuchlak attended the meeting in March. They discussed the 15 % administration fee that Golden Sands charged. He stated that a handout was given that gave an explanation for these charges. A motion was made at the meeting to make Ressa Evans a member at large.

**USDA Farm Services Agency report and possible action.** Bork gave his report in regards to crop prices.

**Financial report-** Corrections were made to the yearend financials, Murphy will go over this report and have for next meeting. Motion made by Allen/Morgan to approve February and March's financials. Passed Unanimously.

**Discuss and possible action on ATCP 50 Revisions.** Question was asked by Murphy if we will be going along with WLWCA's comments or will we be doing our own version? Or we can remain silent. It was the consensus of the committee to remain silent.

**Discuss and possible action on resolution to support changing the process for permitting high capacity wells by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.** Discussion occurred about how the DNR goes about permitting the high capacity wells. The concern lies in whether or not the DNR is considering all the high capacity wells in a certain area or are they just looking at the one that is being submitted for the permit. Consensus was to do more research on this topic and bring it back for next month's meeting.

**Communications.** none

**Discuss and /or approve resolution to create 2 LTE positions for the purpose of implementing a grant to complete the inventory of a portion of the Big Roche A Cri Creek.** The Big Roche a Cri inventory project needs to have 2 interns for this summer to complete this inventory project. Question was asked why the BRC Lake committee is not hiring them – and it was thought due to liability issues.

Allen made a motion to pass the resolution to create 2 LTE positions for the purpose of implementing the grant to complete the inventory. Motion failed for lack of 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Items for next month's Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting:** Tom Feller would like to discuss groundwater issues. Discuss and possible action on resolution to support changing the process for permitting high capacity wells by the WDNR.

Next meeting date: May 13, 2013 at 1:00pm

Motion to Adjourn at 2:45 by James/Stuchlak

Respectfully Submitted;

Michelle Harrison