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LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

December 12, 2011

Regular Meeting

Present: Stuchlak, Morgan, James, Licitar, England, Bork, Keckeisen.

Call to Order: Chair Stuchlak called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM in Adams County Courthouse Conference Room, A231.

Was the meeting properly announced? Yes.

Agenda: Motion, by James/Morgan, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Minutes: Motion by Licitar/Bork, to approve the minutes for the November 14, 2012, L&WCC meeting. Approval carried unanimously.

Public Participation: Chair Stuchlak stated that public participation would be taken “as we go.”

Wildlife Abatement Claims Report: None.

WDNR Report: None.

NRCS Report: None.

2011 November L&WCC Financial Report: The report was accepted following a few questions/clarifications.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report. Licitar reported that the next meeting would be on December 19, 2011 at 1:30 PM. He presented a summarization of the Partners’ accomplishments/windshed projects (lineal feet planted) in 2011 in each county of operation. Shannon Roade arrived and gave comparisons of last year’s (2010’s) and this year’s (2011’s) totals. (2010 - 9.9 miles of plantings, 90.1 % survival); vs. (2011 - 16.6 miles, 94% survival); significant progress.

North Central Land and Water Conservation Association report. None.

Golden Sands Resource, Conservation, and Development report. James reported that the next meeting will be on January 19, 2012. He reported on a variety of items – mainly attendance figures, anticipated extended meeting times, reduced steering committee time horizons, upcoming 40th (Golden Sands) and 50th (RC&D) anniversaries of operations, and, for future observation and note, Waushara County’s involvement with possible removal of a dam on a trout stream.

USDA Farm Services Agency report. Bork reported on a few matters including Green Lake County’s intent on seeking to merge with our region.

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November, 2012, Financial report. James questioned approximate doubling of L&WC department's reported fuel costs. Explanation: The figure was for two months rather than one month of fuel purchases.

Friendship Lake District's Request Regarding Friendship Dam. Citizen/Tri-Lakes official Don Fornesier addressed the committee regarding the value of the real estate associated with the county-owned dams, and of the possible loss of significant county revenues that would result if the Friendship Dam or any dam were removed and the lake(s) made to disappear. Chair Stuchlak read into the record the contents of a letter from Fornesier. Murphy informed the committee that it would be next-to-impossible for that kind of scenario to occur. Friendship Lake president, Bob Berry, appeared, stating that the Friendship Lake District would like to request that the committee consider having Adams County take over ownership of the dam due to prohibitive costs associated with a lake district being able to afford undertaking ownership on its own. Discussion followed regarding inspection issues, partnerships/no-partnerships, timing, potential costs, cost-bearing for the inspection, satisfying/meeting inspection-directives, other technical issues and factors involved, next step(s) to pursue. Motion by James/Morgan to authorize Murphy to continue to pursue ownership contingent upon inspection by Ayres & Associates, with owner paying for inspection, and to report back to the committee at some time in the future as the results/findings emerge; carried unanimously.

Non-metallic Mining Ordinance Upcoming Transfer from L&WCD to P&Z Department. Technician Bremer summarized and explained necessary revisions/changes regarding the ordinance to accomplish transfer of the ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Department. Morgan noted one additional financial (checking paid to "L&W" to be appropriately corrected) change which had been overlooked in the revised document. Motion to accept revised ordinance transfer by England/James; carried unanimously.

Motion for Short Recess: At 10:03 AM, motion by James/Licitar to take short recess; carried unanimously.

Meeting reconvened. At 10:10 AM, Chair Stuchlak reconvened the meeting to order.

Resolution to Avoid Unnecessary Funding Cuts to Grants. Regarding possible recovery of lost DATCP funding for 2012, motion by James/Morgan to approve a Resolution, urging legislature to redirect available funding to replace lost DATCP funds for 2012 conservation operations; carried unanimously.

Removing Suspension as an Option for Drainage Districts. Regarding allowing "suspension" as a choice/alternative/classification-option to Drainage Districts, motion by Morgan/England to authorize proceeding with and communicating opposition to proposed legislation; carried unanimously.

Requesting Extension of Due-date for Updating Adams County L&WC Department's Management Plan. Motion by Licitar/England, to request DATCP to extend due date for updating L&WC Department's Management Plan; carried unanimously.

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Resolution Applying for DNR's Conservation Aids Fund for Wolf Lake Boat Launch. Motion by James/Licitar to approve a Resolution to apply for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Conservation Aids Funds to repair the Wolf Lake boat launch; carried unanimously.

Communications: Committee: 1.) proceeded on informal/oral record to express support for letter to Governor Walker opposing DATCP budget lapse proposals; 2.) took receipt of a "Good News" e-mail communication adjusting Adams County's cost-share funds allocation to \$60,203; 3.) received Murphy's letter to Tony Ferguson of the USDA Forest Service, urging strong support for the Central Sands Forest Legacy Project.

Item(s) for January, 2012, L&WCC Meeting: Update, to extent possible, on Friendship Dam matter.

Next Meeting Date: January 09, 2012, 9AM.

Motion to Adjourn: Made at 10:58 AM, James/Morgan; carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Ron Pufall, L&WCD Clerk//Secretary

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE.