

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2012

TIME: 9:00a.m. PLACE: A231

Called meeting to order at 9:00a.m. Roll call showed Barb Morgan and Al Sebastiani excused and all others present.

Harrison stated that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by James/Stuchlak to Approve Agenda. Passed Unanimously.

Motion by Roekle/Bork to Approve minutes of August 13, 2012 and August 21, 2012 Land & Water Conservation Committee meetings. Passed Unanimously.

Public participation as we go.

There was no Wildlife Abatement and Claims report.

There was no report given for the WDNR. Austin Felts sent an email explaining that the tree planter was being repaired. Also there will be emergency money available for those that lost their projects due to the drought as long as they had a planting plan established.

NRCS report and possible action. Report was given by Komiskey. Cover crop sign up has taken place. Fiscal year is ending as of September 30, 2012.

Al Sebastiani arrived at 9:10am

L&WC Department report and possible action- the August 2012 Department Report was given by Murphy, questions and discussion occurred on the Cottonville Dam Buoys, mowing of the dams, and the vortex investigation of Camelot. Pete Haug of Ayres Associates is still working on the report. Once the final report is completed this report will be shared with the committee members as well as with the Lakes Associations.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report – Licitar gave the report. Next meeting is December 17, 2012. This year 18.4 miles of windshed was planted. Surprisingly, not a big percentage was damaged due to the drought.

Golden Sands Resource Conversation and Development, James reported that their next meeting is September 20, 2012.

There was no report given for the USDA Farm Services Agency due to the fact that their meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2012. Bork did state there have been several questions in regards to crop loss due to the drought.

Financial Report- no report given- have not received report from Finance Department.

Discuss and possible action on requesting an extension of Land Resources Management Plan & Farmland Preservation Plan to 2014. Discussion occurred about extending both until 2014. Sebastiani/Roekle motion to extend the Land Resources Management Plan to 2014. Passed unanimously.

Discuss and possible action on Faber Streambank Protection Cost Share. Discussion occurred in regards to the process of this cost share agreement. DATCP has stated that more work needs to be completed after they initially signed off on the project. It is suggested that we repay DATCP their portion of \$2,624.00 in order to back out of this agreement. All three homeowners involved in this project need to sign the letter that was presented to the committee members.

Motion made by James/Stuchlak to pay back DATCP \$2,624.00 and to also include a letter with the appropriate verbiage explaining this decision. Passed unanimously.

Discuss GCS software costs. It was discussed that the cost of this software needs to be in the MIS budget. It will be deducted from Land & Water's budget and added to MIS's budget this week during the Finance Committee meeting.

Discuss and possible action on ordinance to revise the Adams County Animal Waste Management Ordinance. Discussion occurred that there were no other changes being made to this ordinance; this was just a formality in the process of getting what was previously acted on approved by the County Board. Stuchlak/Bork motion to approve the amendment as is.

Discuss and possible action on resolution for Conservation aids, Tri-Lakes Fish Stocking. Stuchlak/Sebastiani motion to approve grant applications as is. Passed unanimously.

Communications: Murphy asked if anyone would like to attend the WLWCA annual meeting being held at Hotel Mead on October 4th and 5th, 2012. Discussion occurred about the resolutions that will be voted on at this annual meeting. There was a consensus from the board that we are for both resolutions. No one present is able to make this meeting; Barb Morgan will be asked if she would like to attend on the boards behalf. Murphy noted that most likely we will be receiving less and less money from DATCP for staff funding. Discussion occurred on the Durrant project and DCM Landscaping. No questions were brought forth. Tri-Lakes letter requesting that we operate the dams on the lower level of our operating means for the winter months. Attached is a letter from Ayres Associates explaining that it is not recommended to operate on the lower end of our operating range. Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards are having their five year celebration on Saturday, September 15, 2012. On March of this year the dam safety engineer, Joe Behlen, had communicated to Adams County that they are required to form a special assessment district to pay for dam repairs vs paying for them with tax levy dollars. Jack Albert, Corporation Counsel for Adams County has concluded that he does not believe that we need to create a special assessments district for our existing dams.

Next meeting date is October 8, 2012 at 1:00pm in room A231

Motion to Adjourn by Sebastiani/Stuchlak at 10:45am - Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;
Michelle Harrison