

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Approved

August 12, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Courthouse Conference Room: A231

Licitar called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m.

Roll call showed all present: Committee Members: Vice Chair, Glenn Licitar, Joe Stuchlak, Terry James, Heidi Roekle, Kevin Bork, Barb Morgan, and Al Sebastiani was excused with Jack Allen sitting in his place. Land and Water Employees; Chuck Sibilsky, Resource Conservationist, Reesa Evans, Lake Specialist, Recording Secretary, Michelle Harrison.

Harrison stated that the meeting was properly announced.

Motion by James/Stuchlak to approve the agenda with one amendment by moving item 4 to the first position. Motion carried.

Motion made by Stuchlak/Morgan to approve the minutes for June 18, July 8, and July 16, 2013. Motion carried.

Public participation as we go.

Discuss and/or act on placement of buoys on Big Roche a Cri Lake. Richard Matzke, the Big Roche a Cri Lake Association President spoke in regards to the waterway marker permit that was approved by the WDNR last year in September. He handed out a copy of the permit to the committee. He stated that he would like the other "Keep Out" buoys to be placed since currently there are only four slow no wake buoys installed, and there should be 3 slow no wake and 2 keep out buoys. It was explained to Matzke that this was the first that the department knew of an approved permit showing a total of five buoys, two indicating "Keep Out". Since the committee was unaware of such permit, Harrison had Warden Bill Yearman on conference call to explain what the committee's options were at this time. A handout was given outlining the 3 options that the county has. Warden Yearman explained each in detail. Discussion took place. It was brought up that the committee never knew of this permit nor did it ever come before the committee. A motion was made by James/Roekle to place the topic on next month's agenda for the committee to make a decision after they would have time to review the options. James then amended the motion to include, removing the 4th Slow no wake buoy to be compliant with the current permit showing 3 Slow no wake buoys. Motion carried.

Wildlife Abatement and Claims report and possible action. None

NRCS report and possible action. Komiskey was unable to attend the meeting. Harrison read the NRCS report.

WDNR report and possible action. None

Report on L&WC Department report. Reports were given in the committee's packets. Evans handed out a flyer on Beagle BioProducts Field Operations and gave a brief description of this process. Harrison read a letter that was written by Trena Larson in regards to a statement made to the Duck Creek Advisory Group. Sibilsky added that he will be meeting with UW Extension/NRCS and the DNR in regards to phosphorus loading of the Wisconsin River.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report and possible action. Licitar and Sibilsky attended the meeting that took place the morning of August 12, 2013. Licitar stated that over 5,000 trees were replanted due to last year's drought. The topic was discussed in regards to windbreaks that are planted next to power lines. The group is trying to get the public interested in putting in windbreaks.

Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development report and possible action. Stuchlak stated that he attended the meeting that took place in Rosholt, WI. Stuchlak stated that Scott Krug is trying to assemble a Central Wisconsin Watershed Management Group. Stuchlak stated that he would volunteer to be a part of this. Golden Sands RC&D is preparing an application for an Americorp work crew for the 2014 season. Labor is free however we would be responsible to provide camping and shower facilities. Labor could include Clean Boats, Clean Waters, and other additional projects. The consensus of the committee was to have Reesa complete the survey requested by Golden Sands RC&D.

USDA Farm Services Agency report. Bork reported on the USDA report. He gave the prices of the corn and soybeans. There was discussion in regards to the Chicago prices vs locally. Bork stated that we are usually about .40 cents less than what Chicago reports.

Report on Duck Creek Activities. Robin Skala, President of Duck Creek Advisory Group, Thanked Trena for her letter. She stated that the meeting with herself, Euclide, Harrison and Larson went well. She reported that base flow monitoring has begun on Duck Creek and they continue to stream monitor. All the data temperature loggers are installed. All of this data will help the group to move forward with the stream restoration project. Skala stated that a representative from Ron Kind's office attended their last meeting.

Financial report. Allen asked if the \$1210.32 under engineering fees, page 1 of the financial report was the bill for the rain garden design for Castle Rock. Harrison stated no, that amount was for Ayres and Associates. There was discussion about the bill that was received from Lakescape Solutions for \$1,200.00. It was stated that this item needed to be added to next month's agenda and to not pay the bill at this time. A request needs to be made for an itemized bill.

Discuss and/or act on a letter received from Kay Olson-Martz in regards to the request of appointing a new facilitator for the animal waste advisory group. Discussion occurred to remove Murphy as the facilitator due to the fact that he is no longer an employee of Adams County. This group was appointed by the LWD committee. It was mentioned that Wally Sedlar, the agronomist under contracted services, could possibly be the new facilitator. A few from the group expressed that they need to feel comfortable with the person that is selected as the facilitator. It was mentioned that it would be a possibility that if the committee and the advisory group could not come up with a solution that the group may have to dissolve. The committee asked Harrison to draft a document giving the committee's reasons and thoughts to appoint a new facilitator; the document will be reviewed by the committee and then passed along to the Advisory Group to discuss at their next meeting.

Discuss and/or act on cost share agreements for SWRMP and Lake Protection Grants. Sibilsky presented the 5 applications for cost share. Crass for \$4,500, Patterson for \$18,206.55, Angley/O'Donnell for \$17,000.20 and Brunner for \$3745.00, and Davig for \$3976.04. Discussion took place. It was requested to add to next month's agenda to review the cost share agreements and possibly add a cap to the agreements. Motion made by James/Roekle to approve all 5 cost share plans. Motion carried.

Discuss and/or act on approval of updated workplan and Priority Farms for extension on the LWRM plan. Discussion occurred about the revised workplan. A motion was made by Roekle/Morgan to approve the revised workplan and the Priority Farms for the LWRM extension. Motion carried.

Discuss Animal Waste Advisory group recommendation of the moratorium. Corporation Counsel, Ken Wagner presented information in regards to moratoriums. He explained that he has been doing some research on what other counties have been doing in regards to liquid manure through irrigation. The committee asked if it would be possible for him to have something together for their review at the September meeting. Wagner stated that he would try to have it by then.

Discuss and/or act on training another dam operator. Evans explained that she has already been trained on dam operation but would need a refresher. She explained that when she first started working in the department everyone was trained in the office so they could alternate *on call* coverage over the weekends. The committee stated that they were not aware of this and thought that would help if everyone could be trained and help Tom out so that he is not *on call* 24/7.

Discuss and/or act on the filling the County Conservationist position. Motion was made by Allen/James to fill the County Conservation position per the job description approved February 2013. Discussion occurred. Motion carried. Public participation – Mr. Paul Armson expressed his concerns regarding the previous County Conservationist and his lack of knowledge of the Wisconsin Water Law. He stated to the committee how important it is that the next person that is hired in this position has knowledge of Wisconsin law's.

Discuss vortex investigation. James reported about the investigation that occurred in regards to the vortex at the Tri-lakes. Himself, Pete Haug, and Tom Pierce took an afternoon and tried to recreate a vortex. At this time the water levels are not high enough to continue the investigation. They reported this to the DNR and requested that they try again next spring when the levels will be high enough.

Communications.

Bill Euclide wanted to thank the Committee for their support and understanding with the Animal Waste Advisory Group.

Items for next month's Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting: Discuss and/or act on placement of buoys on Big Roche a Cri Lake. Report on updates of Cottonville Dam Lease. Discuss and/or act on a bill that was received for the amount of \$1200.00 from Lakescape Solutions for a rain garden design for the Adams County Castle Rock Park. Discuss and/or act on reviewing the process of allocating the money through SWRMP.

Next meeting date: September 9, 2013 at 1:00p.m. *Motion by Roekle/James to adjourn at 3:15p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted;
Michelle Harrison