

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2013

Approved

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

Sebastiani called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m. Roll call showed Stuchlak absent/excused and Jack Allen sitting in for Heidi Roekle, all others present.

Harrison stated that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by James/Morgan to approve the agenda but to set *Item m* for next month. Passed Unanimously.

Motion made by Morgan/Allen to table approving minutes of February 11, 2013 Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting due to incorrect minutes being in committee packet. Passed Unanimously.

Public Participation as we go.

Discuss reclassification of Conservation Clerk position to Conservation Program Coordinator.

Marcia Kay explained the process of reclassifying a position. The job description with wage increase needs to go through the budget process. The Executive Committee can review it at their next meeting; however the process will have to go through next year's budget process and can't go into effect until next year. She also reminded the committee that currently we are going through a wage study and we are also in a wage freeze.

Discuss and possible action on request from Duck Creek Watershed Advisory Group for funding from Natural Resource Account. Murphy explained that Duck Creek is a non-profit organization. He explained that they need to purchase data loggers for their restoration project. They are 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. Motion made by James/Morgan to table to next month. Passed Unanimously.

Discuss and possible action on Leola District Compliance with Chapter 88 and Administration Code ATCP 48.

The Leola District board was represented at the meeting. Discussion took place in regards to compliance of the 20 foot corridor. There are still landowners who are not in compliant. The district will continue to work with the landowners. The district will report back to the committee at the July meeting to give an update.

Wildlife Abatement and Claims report and possible action. None

NRCS report and possible action. None

WDNR report and possible action. Jon Robaidek was unable to attend the meeting; Murphy gave 2 handouts (letters) from Robaidek. One was in regards to the Leola New Grassland Establishment Project and the second was about the Deer Hunter Forum for DMU's within Adams, Juneau, and Wood Counties.

L&WC Department report and possible action. Murphy handed out February's report. Discussion occurred. Allen asked about the poster contest and suggested that after Kid's day (Judging) that the

posters be displayed in the county board room. GEITS will not be able to attend the county board meeting as previously mentioned. NR 151 inventories are taking place throughout the county.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report and possible action. Licitar reported that the CWWP's next meeting is April 9, 2013 at 9:30am. Discussion in regards to Golden Sands RC&D and their 15% administrative fee.

Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development report and possible action. Stuchlak attended the last meeting.

USDA Farm Services Agency report and possible action. Bork explained the CRP (Conservation Reserve Program). He gave prices of Soybeans/Corn/Wheat of what they are selling for now and what the prices will be this fall.

Financial report- Motion made by James/Allen to table until next meeting. Both end of month and end of year were given, time is needed to review.

Discuss and possible action on ATCP 50 Revisions. DATCP's revision of the law that funds our staffing was provided in a summary in the packet. Murphy would like to stay with his original proposal and submit to DATCP. Discussion took place about other counties going to a multi-county AIS position due to cuts in funding. Committee stated to postpone this until next month.

Communications. Handouts: DATCP report and Active projects with Golden Sands. Murphy brought to the committee information from the Animal Waste Management Advisory Group. Each person on that committee put together a list of concerns in regards to manure applications. They asked the LWCD committee to rank their top ten concerns from the list provided. They would like to compare each group's main concerns in regard to this topic.

Motion made by James/Allen at 2:43pm to break for a 10 min recess. Passed Unanimously.

Sebastiani/Morgan called the meeting back into order at 2:55pm.

The committee members prioritized their concerns under each category; *Water Quality, Regulations, Cultural, Research, Communication.*

Discussion took place in regards to the County being in desperate need of groundwater maps. Bula (Public) stated that she is aware of the Wisconsin Potatoes' Growers Association currently working on a project to create such maps.

Item M – Discuss and possible action on resolution to allow Adams County Conservationist to travel out of state for activities related to the GEITS proposal. Murphy stated that this does not need to be brought back next month. Plans have changed.

Items for next month's Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting: Tom Feller would like to discuss groundwater issues.

Next meeting date: April 8, 2013 at 1:00pm
Motion to Adjourn at 3:25pm by James/Licitar.
Respectfully Submitted;
Michelle Harrison