

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Approved

July 8, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Courthouse Conference Room: A231

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

Roll call showed all present: Committee Members: Chair, Al Sebastiani, Vice Chair, Glenn Licitar, Joe Stuchlak, Terry James, Heidi Roekle, Kevin Bork, Barb Morgan, and acting Department Head/Director of Finance, Trena Larson. 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 Roekle/Morgan to approve the agenda. Stuchlak asked to amend the agenda and move item 12 to the 9th position. Motion made by Roekle/Morgan to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Licitar/Roekle to approve the minutes for June 10, 2013. Motion carried.

Public participation as we go.

Wildlife Abatement and Claims report and possible action. None

NRCS report and possible action. Komiskey reported that the CRP deadlines have closed and now they are ranking the requests.

WDNR report and possible action. None

Discuss and possible action on L&WC Department report. Reports were given in the committee's packets. James asked if there were any concerns with the Leola Drainage District, Evans stated that she will be going there to inventory the areas. James asked that she shares the report at the next meeting.

Larson spoke about the Arrowhead Dam Inspection Report that was just received. James and Stuchlak requested to receive a copy of the report.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report and possible action. None

Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development report and possible action. Stuchlak stated that he would be attending the next meeting on July 18, 2013.

USDA Farm Services Agency report. None

Financial report. Have not received the report, will have for next meeting.

Discuss and/or act upon the recommendation from the animal waste advisory group. The group brought forth a recommendation *to create a moratorium until January 1, 2016 pending the outcome of the UW-Extension research, on any liquid manure irrigation in Adams County. The moratorium should include an appeals process similar to an Annual Conditional Use permit as well as the allowance for emergency action upon County approval.* Discussion took place about how long a moratorium can be in effect for. It was thought that it could only take place for a year with extensions after that. It was also stated that this process needs to go through corporation counsel and that a public hearing needs to take place in order for a moratorium to be issued. It was discussed that the current animal waste advisory group could be the group of first listeners (similar to a planning commission group) then the decision is finalized by the Land and Water Committee. It was also brought up that the language, property boundary's, in the current ordinance needs to be better defined.

Bork/James made a motion to create a moratorium for one year with six month extensions pending the outcome of the UW-Extension research, on any liquid manure irrigation in Adams County. Roll call showed all yes's. Motion carried.

Discuss and/or act on Camelot Dam repairs. Larson spoke about the rough estimates that we received from ~~Brennan~~ Ayres & Associates in regards to fixing the gate at Camelot Dam. If we wait for the water to reach the level of 1011.2, which could take as long as September for the water to go down, the cost will be around \$20,000 to

\$25,000, if we chose to fix it right away it would need a 24 inch bulk head and a crane the cost would double to \$40,000 to \$45,000. Discussion took place.

James/Stuchlak made a motion for Brennan to move forward when the water level decreases to fix the Camelot Dam repairs per the recommendation by Ayres & Associates.

Discuss and/or act on requesting an extension on LWRM plan. Larson stated that she spoke with Fred from North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission/NCWRPC and received a draft of the LWRM plan. Larson also received a call from DATCP asking if we would need an extension for the plan. Larson stated that she recommends that we apply for the extension due to the fact that according to Fred we have not meet the criteria needed for public participation through all five of our watershed groups. Discussion occurred. It was also mentioned that we should wait to complete this 5 year plan so that the new County Conservationist could also take part in this plan.

Motion made by James/Licitar to file for an extension for LWRMP to include having the current draft being reviewed by DATCP. Roll call showed all yes's except for Stuchlak no. Motion carried.

Discuss and/or act on Application for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources educational lake management planning grant. Evans explained that the first grant was not able to cover the costs of all the packets for the lakefront owners due to the increase costs of printing and copies. This second grant is needed to fulfill all requests from the lakefront owners/associations.

Motion made by James/Roekle to authorize the application for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources educational lake management planning grant. Motion carried.

Discuss and/or act on the filling of the County Conservationist position on a regular or interim basis.

It was stated that the transitional committee has not met yet – they will be meeting on July 16, 2013. More will be determined after that meeting. Until then Larson asked if we could seek some technical assistance to help Chuck out in the office.

Motion made by James/Licitar to allow Trena and staff to find an hourly service for 3 to 6 months to assist with the technical projects at their discretion. Motion carried.

Communications.

Two letters were received; one from Adams County Farm Bureau, stating that after extensive discussion the group is supportive of combining the county land conservationist position with the county planning and zoning position if there is a clear description and vision of the new position.

The second letter received from Kay Olson-Martz asking to appoint a new facilitator for the Animal Waste Advisory Group in place of Chris Murphy. This item was tabled for August's meeting.

Motion made by James/Stuchlak to take a 5 min recess at 2:55p.m. Motion carried.

Chair Sebastiani called the meeting back to order at 3:03p.m.

Discuss and possible action for buoys on the Tri-Lakes.

Motion made by James/Stuchlak at 3:04 p.m. to move into closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) for conferring with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Motion carried.

Motion made by Stuchlak/Roekle at 3:28p.m. to return to open session to take any action as necessary and appropriate on the closed session item and address the remaining agenda items. No action taken.

Items for next month's Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting: 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.

Next meeting date: August 12th, 2013 at 1:00p.m. *Motion by Roekle/Morgan to adjourn at 3:42p.m. Motion carried.*