

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

May 11, 2015 – 1:00 P.M.

Courthouse Conference Room: A231

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Stuchlak at 1:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Present: Joe Stuchlak, Onie Karch, Paul Pisellini, Dan Wysocky, Wally Sedlar, Michelle Harrison, Heidi Roekle, Barb Morgan, Kevin Bork were all present. *Concerned citizens:* Kay Olson-Martz, John Wallendal

Motion by Pisellini/Roekle to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Karch/Wysocky to approve the minutes of April 13, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public participation as we go.

Report on Wildlife Abatement and fence project. None

Report on NRCS- None

Report on WDNR- None

Report on L&WC department activities- Monthly report submitted in packet. Morgan asked about the Tree and Shrub sale. Harrison reported including May's deposits total revenue is at \$9654.84 which is \$345.16 of reaching budgeted revenues of \$10,000, however it was budgeted to expense \$6000 and total expense was only \$5480.40. Total number of trees sold in the state is down from previous years.

Report on Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners- no report, next meeting is June 11, 2015

Report on Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development- no report, next meeting is May 19, 2015.

Report on USDA Farm Services Agency- No report, next meeting is in June.

Report on Duck Creek Activities- no report.

Discuss and/or act on purchasing GPS unit. Quote given in committee packet. Discussion took place. Sedlar stated that there is a need for a unit, the department does not have one now. Other departments will be able to utilize using this instrument as well. Land Information department has offered to pay \$2000 towards the purchase, which then the difference could come out of the contracted services. Motion made by Bork/Morgan to approve the purchase of a GPS unit to be paid out of the contracted services. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Roekle thanked Sedlar for asking other departments to go in on the cost of this unit. Stuchlak added that the county needs to start working as one, not as separate departments.

Discuss and/or act on cost share agreements. No cost share agreements are needed to be approved at this time.

Discuss and/or act on Managed Forest Land monies resolution. The question was asked if we want to do something more with the penalty monies from the land that is taken out of MF. Discussion took place. It was decided that criteria needs to be set up and added as an appendix to the resolution to be ready for the June County Board meeting. It was discussed that they do not want to have a minimum or a maximum for the acres of land. This item should be placed on next month's agenda.

Meagan arrived from the NRCS and reported that the Cover Crop and Honey Bee deadlines are both June 5th – EQUIP funds are wrapping up. The wetland easement application is due Friday May 15, 2015. Crop

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insurance applications are due June 1st. Meagan is currently working on random spot checks/reviews that are required – this year there are not any for Adams County.

Discuss and/or act on revisions for Animal Waste Storage Ordinance. Copies of page 15 & 16 from the Animal Waste Storage Ordinance were handed out. Due to a violation that was issued we need to look at our ordinance. “Specified time period” needs to be defined. Sedlar suggested 14 days for action to be taken. Discussion took place. **Motion made by Morgan/Pisellini for the ordinance to state 14 days for action to be taken and within 30 days to be 100% compliant or at the Land & Water Department’s discretion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.** The question was asked if the Animal Waste Storage Advisory Group would be meeting again. Sedlar stated that the entire ordinance needs to be revamped and his intention was to have the group meet again in the winter.

Discuss and/or act on wolf control resolution. An example of a resolution to help control the wolf population in Wisconsin was given. Barry Benson arrived and gave an explanation of the resolution. Currently there are 650-700 wolves statewide. This resolution is asking the WDNR to maintain the population at 350 when and if the Federal Government hands it back over to the DNR. Motion made by Roekle/Morgan to approve this fill in the blank resolution on controlling the wolf population. Motion carried by unanimous vote

Financial report- Discussion took place. Motion made by Roekle/Wysocky to approve the financial report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communications: Sedlar reported that the dam properties have all been surveyed. He will be drafting a letter to adjacent landowners in regards to the property boundaries being set. Looking at doing cost share projects for the eroding banks on the dam property. Sedlar asked if any committee members were interested in attending the Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association meeting on May 29, 2015 in Green Lake. There will be one more meeting this year for the association. Underwater Construction Company’s bid of \$5371.00 was accepted for building the bulkhead. Harrison gave a presentation for the 4th and 5th grades after school program, it went well. The department is looking into a Conservation Day’s event for the 4th grades district wide, we will need to budget for that next year. Karch reported on a survey that was completed that showed the economic impacts on restaurants and recreation as the lake water levels declined due to evaporation and less rainfall. He stated that the groundwater is a foot lower this year vs this time last year in our area. He stated that the Lakes Specialist position needs to be returned to a full-time position in order for all the Lake activities to be completed. If not they will be lost.

Items for next month’s Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting: MFL resolution criteria added as an Appendix to resolution.

Next meeting date: June 8, 2015 at 1:00pm in room A231.

Motion by Morgan/Wysocky to adjourn at 2:20p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Harrison
Recording Secretary

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