

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2013

Approved

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

Sebastiani called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m. All present- with the exception of Bork being excused.

Harrison stated that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Licitar/Roekle to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Stuchlak/James to approve minutes for April 8, 2013 Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting. With the correction noted; *Motion made by James/Stuchlak to remove item P from the agenda to be postponed and reviewed before the next meeting. ~~Passed unanimously.~~*

Discuss and possible action on citizen request regarding the development of a groundwater map for Adams County. Tom Feller spoke to the committee about his groundwater concerns. He asked the committee, "How do we become more serious about the concerns of our groundwater?" Discussion took place. A motion was made by James/Licitar for Murphy to start talking with UW Ext/ Health & Human Services and GIS to get an interdepartmental plan developed for 2014 for groundwater issues. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Wildlife Abatement and Claims report and possible action. None

NRCS report and possible action. Komiskey gave a brief update in regards to the conservation stewardship. Deadline is fast approaching.

WDNR report and possible action. None.

L&WC Department report and possible action. April's report was in the committee packet. James asked about the Lake Camelot dam repairs. Murphy stated that we have to wait for the water levels to go down in order for the issue to be fixed. Discussion took place in regards to the equipment not working at the Easton dam for the automata water levels. It was mentioned that maybe that equipment could be used at another location. Tree & Shrub update was given. The sale went well and pick up is scheduled for May 17th and 18th.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report and possible action. None

Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development report and possible action. None.

USDA Farm Services Agency report and possible action. None.

Financial report- Discussion on Natural Resource and small equipment accounts.

Discuss and possible action on resolution to support changing the process for permitting high capacity wells by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. James spoke about the current permitting process for the high capacity wells. He explained that what this resolution would accomplish is to have the WDNR look at the cumulative effects when permitting a single well.

A motion was made by James/Licitar to pass the resolution for permitting high capacity wells.

Discussion occurred stating the resolution would give the DNR pressure to push this issue. Stuchlak stated that it is difficult not knowing what is underneath, how one can state that so many new high cap wells would make a difference to the amount of groundwater.

Roll call vote, Sebastiani, James, Licitar, Roekle, Yes. Stuchlak and Morgan No. Motion carried.

Discuss and possible action on Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards request to revise Resolution 5-2013.

Discussion took place in regards to the GEITS project on Petenwell. Murphy gave a brief update to the committee and explained that Plan A was not going forward due to the fact that no utilities were willing to buy the power that would have been generated from the solar panels. In order for the process to move forward GEITS would have needed to submit a detailed plan to the DNR for a permit and GEITS was not going to do that. PACRS requested their name be removed from the resolution.

A motion was made by James/Roekle to take no action on revising the resolution. Motion carried by unanimous vote. If the PACRS have questions in regard to this motion they could address the committee.

Discuss the Animal Waste Management Advisory Group. Discussion took place in regards to what the accomplishments of this committee were thus far. Minutes were read from a PACRS meeting which seemed to contradict what the purpose of this committee was for. This advisory group would be meeting again in June.

Discuss and possible action on options to fund Natural Resource Account. Murphy stated that the balance for the Natural Resource account will be at zero by the end of 2013. Murphy asked if there was a commitment to implement NR151, if so then we need to discuss where the cost share dollars will come from. Discussion took place in regards to funding options and to revisit at next month's meeting.

Discuss and possible action on Resolution to approve application for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Lake Protection Grant Program. An estimated \$44,748.20 would come out of the Natural Resources account to be used for cost share for this grant. The question came up about the \$10,000 cap. Murphy stated that maybe two landowners would be close to this cap. It was stated that if the money wouldn't be used for this grant it would be used someplace else. A decision is needed on this right away as the grant was due May 1, 2013 and was already submitted. A motion was made by Licitar/Stuchlak to approve the application for the WDNR Lake Protection Grant. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discuss and possible action on resolution to create two limited-term employee positions in Land and Water Conservation Department. The Big Roche a Cri inventory project needs to have 2 interns for this summer to complete the inventory project. Question was asked why the BRC Lake committee is not hiring them – Matzke stated it was due to liability issues as well as this project involves the Big Roche A Cri Watershed Group, not the Big Roche A Cri Lake. A motion was made by Stuchlak/Roekle to accept the resolution to create two limited term employee positions. Discussion took place. Roll call vote all yes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discuss and possible action on resolution to annually apply for Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program and Nonpoint Source Program. Now that provisions have changed we need permission to apply for a grant. This would be a standing resolution to apply for this grant annually. Motion made by Roekle/Stuchlak to approve the resolution to annually apply for soil and water resource management grant. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communications. Lake District Contribution letters were sent out. Email from Jim VandenBrook- making great strides in getting money restored, please call senators. Update on blue green algae, having another meeting next month. Envirothon results were given. Agronomist- it was asked that Wally attend next month's meeting so he could introduce himself to the committee.

Items for next month's Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting: Funding options for the Natural Resource Account.

Next meeting date: June 10, 2013 at 1:00pm

Motion to Adjourn at 3:15p.m by Stuchlak/Roekle. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted;

Michelle Harrison