

# LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Approved

October 14, 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 except for Roekle who was excused. Jack Allen sitting in for her.

Harrison stated that the meeting was properly announced.

Motion by James/Morgan to approve the October 14, 2013 agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Licitar/Stuchlak to approve the minutes for September 9, 2013. Motion carried.

Public participation as we go.

**Wildlife Abatement and Claims report and possible action.** None

**Discuss and/or act on Operational agreement between Adams County and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service-** Due to government shut down, Michelle Komisky was not able to attend to present.

**Report on WDNR-** Austin Felts reported that he does not have an estimate for fixing the tree planter as of yet. He gave a handout to the committee showing the revenues from the past three years for the tree planter.

**Report on L&WC Department activities.** Evans reported on the Big Roche a Cri Inventory. Handout was given on the details. Sibilsky was asked about a Stormwater runoff issue at Camelot. Sibilsky stated that the issue ended up being a Town of Rome issue. Harrison was asked about the NR 151 inventory at Mason Lake. She stated that she was currently working on the prep work for Sibilsky who would be resuming the inventory in late October. Larson stated that Harrison would be attending a class for self enrichment. She would be leaving early two days a week. Committee expressed support of the flex schedule for Michelle Harrison for self enrichment.

**Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report and possible action.** Next meeting is at the end of the month.

**Report on Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development.** Stuchlak stated that at their last meeting they approved 2 new memberships. Americorps was discussed. They voted to combine Wildlife Committee with the Forestry/Ag Committee.

**USDA Farm Services Agency report.** None

**Report on Duck Creek Activities-**Bill Euclide reported that at last month's meeting the group toured the private dam on Duck Creek.

**Financial report.** Discussion took place. Overages were discussed. Committee asked Larson what was budgeted for 2014 in repair and maintenance under the dams. Larson replied that she would get that information for them. Motion was made to accept the financial report by Morgan/Stuchlak. Motion carried.

**Discuss and/or act on Memorandum of Understanding between Adams County and WDNR for increasing lake level and base flow monitoring in Central Wisconsin.** Harrison stated that this agreement needs to be signed by Trena Larson at the meeting that is being held this Thursday for all other counties involved and the DNR. She is asking that it be reviewed by the committee prior to her signing the agreement. This agreement is for the grant that was received through the WDNR for the base flow and lake level readings. Question was asked if it was reviewed by Corporation Counsel. Larson stated that it had been. Motion was made by Stuchlak/James to approve the MOU between the DNR and Adams County.

**Discuss and/or act on placement of buoys on Big Roche a Cri Lake.** Allen stated that the Town of Preston does not want to be involved with the responsibility of the cost and placement of the buoys on Cottonville. He stated that he was not able to speak on behalf of the Big Roche a Cri Lake Association. Discussion occurred. Motion made by

James/Allen to keep the no wake buoys on all county lakes. Discussion occurred that the agenda only states to act on placement of buoys for Big Roche a Cri Lake.

Amendment was made to the motion *to keep the no wake buoys on Big Roche a Cri Lake*. Discussion occurred. Final amendment was made *that the County will continue to place and remove the (3) no wake buoys at the county's expense on Big Roche a Cri Lake*. Motion carried.

Larson reported for the questions asked in discussion of the financial report – for the 2014 budget \$60,000 was budgeted for repair and maintenance and \$50,000 was budgeted for capital improvements that have been earmarked for the gates seals on Arrowhead and Sherwood.

**Discuss and/or act on appointment of facilitator for the Animal Waste Management Advisory Group.**

Stuchlak/Morgan motioned to table the issue until a County Conservationist was hired. Motion carried.

**Discuss and/or act on Draft Ordinance regulating manure distribution.** All county board supervisors received a copy of a letter against this ordinance from Dairy Business Association. However, the letter references the first draft of the ordinance, and now the second draft that is before us today the language has been amended. It was stated that this ordinance is providing a process for the landowner to go through not stating that the landowner could not spread manure through a center pivot system. Motion made by James/Stuchlak to approve the ordinance regulating distribution of manure by spray irrigation. Discussion occurred. Motion to amend Page 4, line 147, change *yearly to annually*. Motion carried. Motion made by Stuchlak/James to amend Section 7, Line 78 change *applicant to LWCD* and remove in line 79 *at the applicant's expense*. Lines 82-84 remove the entire sentence that starts with *The applicant*, and ends with *the owner or resident*. Motion carried. Motion made by Morgan/James in line 66 remove *and residents*. Motion carried. Motion made by Stuchlak/James to approve the ordinance regulating distribution of manure by spray irrigation with amendments. Roll call showed all yes's. Motion carried.

**Discuss and/or act on Cottonville Lease Agreement with Shanak Foundry & Machine Co.** Ken Wagner, Corp Counsel explained the issue regarding the roof. He stated that Cottonville Inc. would be fixing the roof at their expense. Wagner also explained that the lease was for 20 years however, the DNR needs to approve any lease over 10 years. Motion made by James/Licitar to approve the lease with Cottonville Inc. subject to DNR approval. Motion carried.

**Discuss and/or act on SWRMP/cost share for Monroe Township.** Sibilsky stated that this project is for 68 linear feet of Rip Rap for a cost of \$10,652.00 cost share of 70% \$7456.40. This will fix a huge washout. Motion made by James/Stuchlak to approve the cost share for the Monroe Township. Motion carried.

**Discuss and/or act on Reesa Evans and Charles Sibilsky to attend training on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for Wisconsin River TMDL.** Discussion took place. This training was not budgeted for. Motion made by James/Allen to approve Evans and Sibilsky to attend the training. Motion carried.

Clarification from Ken Wagner that the Ordinance regulating manure distribution did not make it on the County Board agenda for October's meeting. The amendments will be made and it will be on the county boards next month's agenda.

**Communications** -None

**Items for next month's Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting:** Revisions of the Draft Ordinance be sent to the LW Committee and Advisory Group.

Next meeting date: November 4, 2013 at 1:00p.m.

*Motion by Stuchlak/Morgan to adjourn at 2:57p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted;

Michelle Harrison