

**LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**March 3, 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, Heidi Roekle, Barb Morgan, Onie Karch, Paul Pisellini, Dan Wysocky, Kevin Bork, Wally Sedlar, Michelle Harrison were all present. Concerned citizens: Carl Dostal

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

Motion by Karch/Pisellini to approve the minutes of February 9, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public participation as we go.

**Report on Wildlife Abatement and claims.** None

**Report on NRCS.** None

**Report on WNDR-** None

**Report on L&WC department activities-** Harrison gave an update on the tree and shrub sale.

**Report on Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners-** meeting this Thursday

**Report on Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development-** Meeting in two weeks

**Report on USDA Farm Services Agency-** None

**Report on Duck Creek Activities-** None

**Discuss and/or act on Adams County LWC Department changing from the North Central to the Lake Winnebago area association.** As shown on the map provided were the area associations, currently Adams County is in the North Central area which means we would need to travel to Florence WI in order to attend the meetings. Sedlar stated he feels that we should be in the Lake Winnebago association as it is much closer to attend the meetings and we are similar to the other counties that make up that association. Sedlar would like to petition to change to the Lake Winnebago association. Motion made by Morgan/Pisellini to allow Sedlar to petition to change to the Lake Winnebago association. Sedlar stated that he would need to attend tomorrow's meeting to petition. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Discuss and/or act on CREP letter and map.** Sedlar read the letter out loud that would be signed by Chair Stuchlak on behalf of the LWC committee and sent to Brian at DATCP requesting to add Adams County to the CREP program. Motion made by Roekle/Morgan to approve the letter to have the entire county added to the CREP program. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Discuss and/or act on DATCP staffing grant for 2016.** Sedlar has completed the application for the 2016 DATCP staffing grant. He is applying for 1000 acres for nutrient management. Included in the committee packet is a letter from Jim VandenBrook, Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association. The highlighted areas state that the DATCP budget is reduced for conservation funding for farm practices. Motion made by Roekle/Wysocky to approve the DATCP staffing grant application. Discuss took place. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Discuss and/or act on utilizing Managed Forest Land money that is being received by the county to be allocated for land purchases.** In the committee packet is a table showing money that was received by the county per municipality for MFL. Discussion took place as to what should happen with this money.

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Committee feels that county should pursue using some of the funds to purchase wooded acreage to preserve our forests. The property should have requirements such as at least be 70% forested, public hunting/public use. Motion made by Morgan/Bork to have a resolution created to be presented at next month's meeting outlining some criteria for utilizing the funds to purchase property. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Financial report-** February's report is not available yet, End of year report for 2014 was presented and it is not complete as we are still waiting for approximately \$85,000 in revenue from grant reimbursements. Motion made by Roekle/Bork to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Communications:** Bulk head design should be completed by end of week by Ayres Associates. The manufacturing of the bulk head should be constructed and completed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July- we will be getting bids from multiple welding/fabricating businesses. Morgan attended ACE (Agricultural Community Engagement) in Wisconsin Dells. Morgan stated that it was a wonderful conference; highlights of this conference are included in the committee packet. Morgan stated that she would try to find out the next time this group would meet and report back to the committee.

**PowerPoint presentation on Wisconsin River TMDL-** Sedlar presented a PowerPoint presentation to the committee on the Wis River TMDL- Discussion took place.

Items for next month's Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting: Resolution for MFL money to be allocated for purchase of forest land.

Next meeting date: April 13, 2015 at 1:00pm in room A231.

Motion by Roekle/Wysocky to adjourn at 2:15p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Harrison  
Recording Secretary

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