

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

November 9, 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. Roll call was made.

The meeting was properly announced.

Present: Committee Members: Joe Stuchlak, Paul Pisellini, Heidi Roekle, Barb Morgan, and Dan Wysocky. **Excused:** Kevin Bork and Onie Karch. Wally Sedlar and Michelle Harrison were also present. *Concerned citizens:* Bill Euclide, Richard Matzke, Jim Kocinski and Sara Babcock *Technical Advisors:* Barry Benson USDA, Shannon Rhode CWWP and Meagan Hoffmann NRCS

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

Motion by Morgan/Wysocky to approve the minutes of October 12, 2015 as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public participation as we go.

Discuss and/or act on 2016 Wildlife Abatement Budget. Benson gave a handout to the committee showing the 2016 Budget. He explained that the money for this program comes from hunting license's purchased. Discussion occurred. *Motion by Roekle/Wysocky to approve the 2016 Wildlife Abatement Budget. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Discuss and/or act on 2015 Crop Prices. Benson handed out the prices for the crops. He stated that the committee needed to vote on the prices for Alfalfa \$145.71/Ton, Field Corn \$3.52/Bushel, Soybeans \$9.08/Bushel and Sweet Corn \$72.92/Ton. Stuchlak stated that he had some discussion about these prices and he suggested \$150.00 a ton for Alfalfa, and \$8.60 a bushel for soybeans. Discussion occurred. *Motion by Roekle/Pisellini to approve the crop prices with these changes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Report on completion of the Prairie Vista fence project. Benson stated that the fence is now complete. The inspection has been done and everyone has been paid.

Report on NRCS- Meagan announced that Michelle is no longer at the office and it looks like she will be taking her place at least until the end of this year.

Report on WDNR- None.

Report on L&WC department activities- report in packet. Stuchlak stated that for Conservation days 2016 he will be purchasing the trees for the students and he will also be working a station.

Report on Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners- Rhode gave an update of 2015. They completed 21.9 miles which is above the budgeted amount. There were 3 projects in Adams County this year that were cost shared. It was a busy year for the CWWP. Due to the additional funds this year they are looking into buying a new truck.

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Report on Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development- Stuchlak reported that he will not be attending the meeting on November 19th but Pisellini will be attending in his place.

Report on USDA Farm Services Agency- none

Report on Duck Creek Activities- Euclide stated that Harrison is on their next meeting's agenda to discuss Conservation Days and how Duck Creek will be able to help out. The DNR has sent a letter in regards to the work that will be down in the Town of Quincy with repairs to roads/culverts.

Discuss and/or act on involvement with Friendship Dam. Nothing has changed. Strategic planning meeting was good it addressed some of the issues and what is currently taking place.

Discuss and/or act on the LWRMP plan – Sedlar stated that the final copy has to be sent to DATCP today. The checklist is complete. In December we will be presenting to DATCP. Once the plan is accepted then we will need to present to the entire board for their approval as well. Sedlar stated that wind erosion calculations will need to be completed for Adams County and we also need to have some sort of tracking software in place for our dept.

Discuss and/or act on MFL resolution— The resolution that was presented to the county board was tabled. They decided to have a strategic planning meeting for more information and fact finding on this subject. The meeting occurred on Oct 26, 2015. No changes were addressed. The committee was asked if they would like to submit to the county board as is – No changes were made, submit as is.

Discuss and/or act on resolution for participation of DNR Municipal Grant Program for Fawn Lake Dam repairs. Sedlar stated that the riser structure of Fawn Lake Dam is starting to fail. One of the unknowns is if the exit pipe is corroding, if so the cost of repairs would be estimated at 336,000. This resolution allows us to apply for a grant with a 50% match. The 2016 budget does have this amount in it for repairs as long as there are no other issues for 2016. Euclide had asked if this area was affected by the 2008 flood and if so there may be grant money available for repairs. *Motion made by Roekle/Morgan to approve the resolution for Fawn Lake Dam. Motion carried unanimously.*

Discuss and/or act on transfer of SEG funds to Marquette, Oconto and Dane County. Marquette is requesting \$11,214, Oconto is requesting \$4,648 and Dane county is requesting \$5,000. Discussion occurred. *Motion made by Pisellini/Roekle to approve all three requests. Motion carried unanimously.*

Discuss and/or act on Sedlar and Sibilsky to attend Discovery Farms event in December. Sedlar stated that the funds are available for them to attend. Discussion took place and the committee agreed that this was worth attending.

Discuss and/or act on cost share for Arkdale South boat launch project. The estimated total cost of the project is \$5,604.09, cost share would be \$4,203.07 and Arkdale would need to pay \$1,401.02. The project consists of a diversion for the boat launch. *Motion made by Roekle/Morgan to approve the cost share agreement for the Arkdale boat launch project. Motion carried unanimously.*

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Discuss and/or act on New Chester Dairy manure transfer pipeline. Sedlar stated the pipeline will be 12 miles in length when complete. The first 8,000 feet was not installed according to New Chester Dairy's plan that they submitted. Our department has required them to do extra pressure testing on the 8,000 feet that was not built to their specifications. Currently they have continued to build the pipeline according to the specifications in their plan, however New Chester Dairy is now asking the County for a variance. Discussion took place. *Motion made by Wysocky/Roekle to draft a letter and have Ken, Corporation Counsel review, to not allow a variance on the first 8,000 feet. Motion carried by unanimous vote. See Section 3.1 of attachment*

Financial report— Morgan asked why AIS was at a negative. Sedlar stated that it is because Evans is working for P&Z on shoreline projects and their grant will be reimbursing our dept for those 5 hours a week. *Motion by Roekle/Wysocky to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

Communications: Sedlar handed out a copy of the letter from Corporation Counsel's office that was sent out to Wood's for their manure violation. No more extensions will be given. The Fairgrounds project is currently in progress and going well. All the buoys are out of the lakes except for Cottonville. Hopefully they will be out soon. Stuchlak mentioned that he met with Sedlar and Sibilsky at Goose Lake to look at the boat launch issues. Easton Lake District met and opted to remove some property out of the Lake District due to the fact that they were down stream of the Lake.

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

Next meeting date: December 14, 2015 at 1:00pm in room A231

Motion by Roekle/Morgan to adjourn at 2:10p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Harrison
Recording Secretary

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