

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
September 8, 2014 – 1:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM A-260

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Stuchlak at 1:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. Harrison stated that the meeting was properly announced.

Present: Joe Stuchlak; Heidi Roekle; Barb Morgan; Dan Wysocky; Onie Karch; Paul Pisellini; Kevin Bork Wally Sedlar; Michelle Harrison, Chuck Sibilsky (arrived 1:40pm) and Ken Wagner (arrived 1:50pm) were all present. Concerned citizens: Don Fornasier, Richard Matzke, Jim Kocinski, Bill Euclide, Dave Foss, Melissa Niemerg

Motion by Roekle/Morgan to approve the agenda.

Motion by Karch/Wysocky to approve the minutes of August 11, 2014. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public participation as we go.

Wildlife Abatement and Claims- none

Report on NRCS – Michelle Komiskey gave an update on programs for Fiscal 2014. Four new funded projects in Adams County totaling \$20,440.00

Report on WNDR- none

Report on L&WC department activities- report was in committee packet.

Report on Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners- Wysocky reported that he attended the meeting at Hancock. He stated that they completed 15 miles of windbreak with the majority at Heartland farms. He stated that there is still a fall project that will complete another 2 miles.

Report on Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development- Stuchlak will be attending next month's meeting.

Report on USDA Farm Services Agency- Bork will be attending next month's meeting.

Report on Duck Creek Activities- Bill Euclide reported that the meeting was held at the Castle Rock Dam Bait shop. (Joe Stuchlak thanked the group for having the meeting at this location) The group will be having two key speakers at their next meetings; Allison Werner from Lake Alliance and Tracy Haynes, the director of Wetlands of Wisconsin. All are welcome to attend. The DNR posted a stream monitoring sign at Duck Creek and 11th Ave—a state wide grant made this project possible.

Financial report- none

Citizen Dave Foss would like to discuss Easton lake water quality concerns. Dave Foss spoke to the committee about how bad the water quality at Easton Lake is. He stated that there is an overpopulation of Carp, dredging issues in the shallow waters, dam issues and the lack of frogs. He would like to donate property for a park as a memorial to his wife; however he will not do this because the water quality is so poor. He stated that

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he wants something done immediately. Stuchlak stated that there is meeting set for November 8, 2014 at 10:00am with Jennifer Bergman, Fish Biologist and Scott Provost, Water Resources Specialist at the Town Hall in Easton.

Discuss and/or act on the Big Roche a Cri Lake Association request. Richard Matzke, Lake Association President explained that this is a “dead issue” now and the request to have the maximum lake levels raised can be taken off the table. As soon as the lessee has the dam operable by computer the lake levels will be consistently higher with less fluctuation. Currently the lessee is making some changes that require the water level to be dropped to the lowest of the operating range so the Big Roche a Cri Lake Association sent out a post card to the lakefront property owners to notify them that the levels will be low. The association is requesting to be reimbursed for the cost of sending the post cards out. Stuchlak stated to add this item to the next agenda.

Discuss and/or act on Enbridge Resolution. Discussion occurred. Motion made by Roekle/Morgan to accept the resolution to support a full environmental assessment of Enbridge Line 61 Expansion and increase public input. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and/or act on resolution to establish a non-lapsing account for donations. Discussion took place. Motion made by Bork/Karch to accept the resolution to create a non-lapsing account for donations.

Discuss and/or act on canceling a SWRMP cost share agreement #2013-04 with Mary Jo O;Donnell and John Angley. Sibilsky presented to the committee that this project was carried over from 2013 cost share money and the owners listed have a signed contract but are not proceeding with the project. He has stated that the 2013 money has been used therefore we need to cancel this contract and offer a 2014 cost share of \$5,000 to repair a 100ft of shoreline at Castle Rock; however there will be a November 1, 2014 deadline to have the work completed. A certified letter would be sent indicating this information. Motion made by Morgan/Roekle to follow the advice and suggestions that Sibilsky has presented.

Communications: Pontoon& Politics was attended by Stuchlak, Pisellini, Karch and Sedlar. Great discussion took place. A total of 5 counties attended. DATCP update was handed out. Fornasier stated that Tri-lakes now has a website which sends out e-alerts. He stated that if we have any communications to send out to let them know. Morgan gave handouts to committee about tree information. Ken Wagner presented to the committee that the current resolution in regards to the high capacity wells for bottling companies is a resolution that just states that the county board is not in favor for a company to do this in our county. He said that he would look into it to see if we could have an ordinance to stop a company from bottling water. The committee gave him the go ahead to continue to look into this. Sedlar gave an update about the repairs that will be needed at Lake Arrowhead and Lake Sherwood—the repairs will be every bit of \$75,000 for each dam. The committee will need to recommend that the budgeted money for 2014 will need to be carried over into 2015 for these repairs, plus additional money to be budgeted.

Items for next meeting: Discuss and/or act on the Big Roche a Cri Lake Association request to get reimbursed for mailing of postcards.

The next meeting is October 13, 2014 at 1pm possible location: Lake Arrowhead or Lake Sherwood to tour the dam

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Harrison
Recording Secretary

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