

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2012

Unapproved

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

Called meeting to order at 1:00p.m. Roll call showed Barb Morgan excused with all other committee members present.

Harrison stated that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by James/Stuchlak to Approve Agenda. Passed Unanimously.

Motion by Licitar/Roekle to Approve minutes of October 8, 2012 Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Discuss and possible action on the approval of the 2013 Wildlife Damage Program Budget and 2012 Wildlife Damage Program crop prices. Barry Benson gave his report for the 2013 Wildlife Program Budget. Motion to approve the 2013 budget by James/Stuchlak. Passed Unanimously.

Benson presented the 2012 Wildlife Damage Program crop prices. It was brought up that the prices for Alfalfa/Soybeans and Corn were on the low side. Bork stated that Alfalfa should be changed to \$215.00 a ton. Soybeans should be at \$14.50 a bushel and corn should be at \$7.50 a bushel. A motion was made by Licitar/Stuchlak to amend the crop prices as stated and approve the 2012 Wildlife Damage Program crop prices. Passed unanimously.

There was no report given for the WDNR.

A report was given for the NRCS by Michelle Komiskey. Reminded everyone that cost share was still available for cropland practices. She also stated that the NRCS has a process for those Hispanic and Woman Farmers who feel that they were treated unfairly by NRCS to file a claim.

L&WC Department report was given by Murphy. Questions were asked in regards to Opitz Heifers and Murphy stated at this point they are going through the permitting process for Animal Waste Management Ordinance. The Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Agronomist position application process is complete and interviewing will be take place this Thursday in Westfield.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report was given by Project Manager Shannon Rohde. For 2012 18.4 miles of trees/shrubs were planted within the 4 counties. Unfortunately, the drought this summer was very hard on these plantings as well as the previous year plantings which will make for a difficult spring in replanting all of these trees/shrubs. They will be looking for additional help this spring.

Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development, James stated that their next meeting will be November 15, 2012.

The USDA Farm Services Agency report was given by Bork, who reviewed 2012 crop production. The next meeting is scheduled for December.

Financial Report – was not available from the Finance Department.

Discuss and possible action on the 2013 Adams County Soil & Water Resources Management Program Cost Share Procedure. Murphy explained the proposed procedure. Stuchlak stated he felt that due to all

the efforts in the community regarding phosphorus that the numbers for the phosphorus loading should be doubled in the ranking process making this a priority. A motion was made by Stuchlak/James to approve this procedure with the amendment of the ranking numbers for the phosphorus loading. Passed unanimously.

Report on DATCP ground water sampling for Atrazine. Murphy gave the report and handouts of the results from these sampling sites. The sampling sites showed all to be below the state levels for Atrazine, however there were eight out of twenty sites that were above the state health standard for nitrates. There were also two out of twenty sites that were above the state health standard for Metolachlor (an herbicide used in agriculture). The committee asked that we invite DATCP back to present at a committee meeting to go over these results in detail as well as find out what our next step is.

Discuss and possible action on recommendations of the Adams County Animal Waste Management Advisory Group.

The group had their first meeting on November 1, 2012. The group requested that 2 citizen at large members be added. One that would represent the north part of the county and one that would represent the south end of the county. It was suggested that Don Ystad of Rome and Candace Pegler of the Town of Jackson be added. Discussion took place that they might need someone representing further south than Hwy 82- Dan McFarlin's name was brought up.

A motion was made by James/Licitar to approve Ystad and Pegler. Voting showed (4) No and (2) Yes – Voting Yes James and Licitar

A second motion was made by Stuchlak/James to approve Ystad/McFarlin as the citizens at large, but if McFarlin declines then move forward with Pegler. Passed unanimously.

The group also requested to change their mission statement. They would like to replace the word maximize with optimize. A motion was made by Stuchlak/Roekle to accept this change. Passed unanimously.

Communications. DATCP report shows funding for staff down for future. Stuhlak asked if there was a response from Milksource, Murphy stated no response has been received.

Next meeting date is December 10, 2012 at 1:00pm in room A231

Motion to Adjourn by James/Licitar at 2:32p.m. - Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;
Michelle Harrison