

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DATE: July 9, 2012

Minutes approved

TIME: 9:30a.m. PLACE: A260

Call meeting to order at 9:30a.m. Roll call showed all present.

The meeting was properly noticed stated Harrison.

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

Motion by Licitar/Roekle to Approve minutes of June 11, 2012 Land & Water Conservation Committee meetings. Passed Unanimously.

Public participation- Chair stated public will participate as we go.

Dave Dehmlow was present to discuss his issues with his farmland and the storm water runoff violations. Dave stated that there was not a violation because no sediments entered the White Creek. He also stated that he was working with Chuck Sibilsky from the Land and Water Department and that he was difficult to work with because he did not give any options to consider, just the one drawing that Dave felt was not going to work for him. Dave had hired an engineer from MSA and he came up with a different solution that he wanted to use, but Chuck would not let him use that as a solution to this violation.

Murphy addressed Dave's issues. Murphy stated that, "Yes, it is a storm water runoff violation. It is gully erosion and sediments did enter into White Creek. Murphy walked the creek after the storm and provided pictures documenting this evidence. Second, Murphy stated that he has never known Sibilsky to act in such a manner that he would not work with someone by providing options. He stated that maybe it was the stubbornness of the landowner in not wanting to work with Sibilsky rather he would just work with the person he hired through MSA. Murphy also added that it was not the committee's role to authorize the use of which technical drawing would resolve the storm water runoff issues that would be the role of the Land and Water Department.

Sibilsky was then asked if he wanted to speak in which he stated that he did give options and provided a letter that he sent to Dehmlow on May 21, 2012.

James suggested that everyone currently involved work together to find a solution. Chris, Chuck, Dave and Brian with MSA will all work together to resolve the issues. The entire committee agreed upon this as well.

Discuss and possible action on Animal Waste Ordinance work group approval. Murphy handed out a list of Members for consideration of an Advisory Group. It was suggested that a member of the woodland growers be included. Morgan suggested Karen Miller and remove Trena Larson.

Motion was made by James/Licitar to accept the list as is minus Trena Larson and add a Woodland Growers member. Mission Statement was reworded to read: *Become knowledgeable on the Adams County Animal Waste Management Ordinance and produce recommendations for animal waste management issues that are identified. Standards shall provide maximum surface and ground water quality protection; provide maximum public safety and promote cost effective agricultural production.*

Murphy will facilitate the meetings but will not be voting. This group will start in the late fall.

There was no Wildlife Abatement and Claims report and possible action.

There was no report given for the WDNR.

A report was given by Michelle with the NRCS. She stated that the contracting season was finishing up. Aug 10th contracts are due. Currently there is one landowner in Adams County that they are working with for a conservation plan.

L&WC Department report and possible action- the June 2012 Department Report was given to committee members, no questions were asked.

Financial Report- none (report was not given to department head as today was the fifth business day after the first of month.)

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report – Sibilsky reported that he attended the annual meeting. There were 18.4 miles of windbreak installed; now this was in the maintenance mode. Approximately 70% of that windbreak was installed in Portage County.

Golden Sands Resource Conversation and Development, None – meeting will be held on July 19th, 2012.

USDA Farm Services Agency report was given by Bork. Bork announced the numbers from the June 29th acreage report; he stated that the drought is affecting crops nationally.

Motion by James/Bork to take a 5 minute recess.

Sebastiani called the meeting back to order at 11:15a.m.

Discuss utilizing Golden Sands RC&D for a part-time agronomist position- This person would be Golden Sands employee, we would just pay for their hours worked in Adams County. Murphy stated that we are in need of this position as it would help with follow-up on nutrient management plans. The committee asked Murphy to bring this issue back up at next month's meeting with some more concrete numbers.

Discuss and possible action on a property tax credit for vegetated buffers next to surface waters. Discussion occurred; it was decided not to pursue this at this time as Adams County could not afford it.

Discussion and possible action on cost share contracts (Termar, Quincy Township, Mutimer, Stormoen, Durrant and Paul) Sibilsky gave the details on each one. Discussion occurred on the amount left in fund. Motion was made to approve the cost share contracts by James/Morgan. Passed Unanimously.

Discuss and possible action on a resolution for WDNR Lake Management grants; Big Roche-a-cri Creek; Waterfront owners packets. Motion was made to approve the resolution by Stuchlak/James

Communications: Land and Water Conservation Fund

Items for July's Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting: 1) Agronomist position 2) Funding Natural Resource account 3) Report on Dehmlow's stormwater runoff issues

Discussion and possible action on Ayres Agreement- Tri-Lakes Dams Scan Sonar Imagery and Vorticity Investigation. Three options were discussed, shut gates and leave 25% of water through on a continual basis, which would eliminate the vortex, however this option would allow property to flood during rain/snow melt times; Change buoys to read stay out at 100 ft out; Have Ayres investigate the vortex's – A motion was made by James/Roekle to sign the agreement and have Ayres Associates investigate the vortex's.

Next meeting date is August 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in room A231

Motion to Adjourn by Stuchlak/Morgan at 12:15pm - Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;
Michelle Harrison