

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Approved

September 9, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Courthouse Conference Room: A231

A motion was made by James/Roekle to appoint Stuchlak as the acting chair due to the fact that neither Licitar nor Sebastiani were present. Motion carried.

Stuchlak called the meeting to order at 1:05p.m. Licitar arrived.

Licitar called the meeting to order at 1:07p.m. Roll call showed all present except for Sebastiani who was excused. Harrison stated that the meeting was properly announced.

Motion by Roekle/Morgan to approve the September 9, 2013 agenda.

Motion made by James/Stuchlak to amend the agenda by moving item number 14 to fourth on the list. And to postpone item 10 to next month's meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Stuchlak/Roekle to approve the minutes for August 12, 2013 and August 20, 2013. Motion carried.

Public participation as we go.

Wildlife Abatement and Claims report and possible action. None

Report on NRCS- None

Discuss and/or act on tree planters and tree planting program- WDNR Austin Felts stated that this past year there were 50,000 trees that were planted using the tree planter. He reported that a bearing was shredded on the tree planter. More damage was done to the tree planter however the landowner will be responsible for fixing it due to the fact that he stated that he continued to use the machinery even though he knew that there was a problem. Discussion took place in regards to having the funds to repair the planter. Felts stated that the mechanic at the Wisconsin Rapids Nursery would repair the bearing. Stuchlak asked to have Felts provide a copy showing the last three years of revenue from the tree planting program. Felts stated he would provide a copy of the report showing the revenue for next month's meeting. Committee asked to have an estimate for the cost of the repair of the bearing. Felts stated that he would try and get an estimate.

Discuss and/or act on Ordinance regulating manure distribution. Ken Wagner, Corp Counsel completed the draft ordinance for the moratorium which he presented to the committee. This draft was mirrored from 2 other counties that have adopted this ordinance in Wisconsin. It states that there will be a one year moratorium that can be reviewed yearly, fee decided by committee. Motion made by Roekle/Morgan to send this draft ordinance to the Advisory Group for their input and return to the October committee meeting with their recommendations. Discussion occurred. It was decided that Ken Wagner would facilitate the next Advisory Group meeting to be held prior to the October committee meeting. Roll call showed Stuchlak and Bork No's and Morgan, Roekle, James, Licitar yes's, motion carried.

Report on L&WC Department report. Reports were given in the committee's packets. Evans reported on Big Roche a cri Inventory. She stated that our interns for the summer were excellent and that if we receive another grant next year she would like to have them return. A draft report of the inventory will be provided by the next committee meeting. Evans handed out updated information regarding the grants that can be applied for through the DNR for municipality dams. The committee requested that Evans and Harrison work with Ayres and Associates to see if we can apply for the dam grants. Sibilsky gave his report. Discussion occurred in regards to the Opitz Heifers. Harrison stated in her report that the baseflow project is going very well and that all the volunteers have their measurements in for the past 2 months.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report and possible action. Licitar reported that at the October meeting they will be discussing plantings and spacing of the trees/shrubs with the local utility companies.

Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development report and possible action. None

USDA Farm Services Agency report. None

Report on Duck Creek Activities. Robin Skala, President of Duck Creek Advisory Group, reported that their next meeting will be at Al Schwan's property for a tour of his privately owned dam on Duck Creek. She stated that presently there is no flow in Duck Creek from Edgewood onward. Base flow readings were attempted on August 21, 2013 but there was not enough water to test at Edgewood. On October 12, 2013 they will have a booth at the Lake Alliance Trade show booth. She mentioned that at their next meeting DNR representatives would be attending and she invited the committee members to attend as well.

Financial report. None

Discuss and/or act on placement of buoys on Big Roche a Cri Lake. Discussion occurred. James stated to postpone this item to next month's meeting.

Discuss and/or act on SWRMP cost share agreement. Sibilsky stated that he was not able to get the owner's signature for the cost share prior to the meeting. He explained that Patterson's agreement needed to be revised due to a correction made with the property line. The neighboring property, Grams, would be the new cost share agreement in addition to the revised Patterson cost share. Motion made by Stuchlak/James to give the authority to the chair to approve/sign the cost share agreements prior to next October's committee meeting and bring the cost share agreement back to the October meeting to be reviewed. Motion carried.

Discuss and/or act on individual SWRMP cap for cost shares. Sibilsky explained that you can't cap projects pertaining to NR151. Discussion occurred. Motion made by James/Stuchlak to have a maximum of \$5,000.00 or 50% whichever is less on shoreline/streambank protection cost share agreements not pertaining to NR151 effective for 2014. Motion carried.

Report on Cottonville Dam Lease. Harrison reported information given by Ken Wagner, Corp Counsel that currently he is working on a lease agreement with the Shanak Foundry. They are in discussion in regards to the roof repairs. Per Robert Shanak these repairs seemed cosmetic and that they would incur the cost to have it repaired. James requested that Trena Larson confirm that by having them repair the roof as Shanak Foundry stated would meet the requirements by the WDNR. This item should also be included on next month's agenda.

Discuss and/or act on Land & Water Conservation Department website yearly cost and renewal. Harrison explained that currently the website was listed under Nick Holman (as he was the one who created the website) and that we needed to pay next year's yearly amount by October of this year. Discussion occurred. Motion made by Roekle/Morgan to have the Land and Water's website listed under Land and Water Conservation's name. Motion carried.

Communications. Hand out of the Final Report on the influence of Self-Enhancement Bias on Perceptions of Shoreline Buffer Quality.

Items for next month's Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting: Discuss and/or act on manure distribution moratorium. Discuss and/or act on appointing a facilitator for the Advisory Group. Discuss and/or act on placement of buoys on Big Roche a Cri Lake. Discuss and/or act on Memorandum of Understanding between Adams County and WDNR for increasing lake level and base flow monitoring in Central Wisconsin. Committee has requested separate accounts set aside for revenues for contributions/donations and tree planting.

Next meeting date: October 14, 2013 at 1:00p.m.

Motion by Stuchlak/Roekle to adjourn at 3:00p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted;
Michelle Harrison