

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DATE: June 11, 2012

TIME: PLACE: Room: Board Room

Call meeting to order at 10:40am. Roll call showed all present with the exception of Barb Morgan who was excused.

The meeting was properly noticed stated Murphy.

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

Motion by Licitar/Roekle to Approve minutes of May 14, 2012 Land & Water Conservation Committee meetings. Passed Unanimously.

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

Motion by Stuchlak/Roekle to revise Item A of Section 4.03 to read as follows—*Animal wastes applied as part of a research project conducted by a University located in Wisconsin shall be exempt of this standard upon approval of the Adams County Land and Water Conservation Department.* Discussion occurred on minimum size and acreage. Motion passed unanimously.

Murphy gave the totals from the public hearing – 5 voted to approve the proposed additions; 8 voted against it; and 7 voted to approve Section A but not Section D.

Motion was made by Stuchlak/James to strike item D, but to amend item B in Section 4.03 to read as follows, *Animal wastes applied in any manner to a parcel of land shall not exit the property boundaries of that parcel or enter into states waters due to sprinkler application overspray/drift, ponding, surface water runoff or drainage. Note: Parcel property boundaries shall be defined by documents filed with the Adams County Land Information Department.*

Sara G. the Adams County Public Health Officer requested that it be considered to treat the manure by adding lime or to use wind breaks to reduce risk of spray. She also mentioned that the spreading of manure should be monitored as to not over apply it and to not spread in the waterways or over parcel boundaries.

Jim Ostrum, a Milk Source representative noted that there are no known cases that have caused health issues.

Murphy asked the committee to consider creating a work group to take some time to work through these issues in Section 4. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by James/Bork to recommend a work group be created of people to include members of the Department and Stakeholders. Report back at next month's meeting with nominations of who should populate this work group. Motion was unanimously passed.

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

Austin Felts WDNR Forester provided a report on tree planting activities.

There was no report given for NRCS.

L&WC Department report and possible action- Murphy reported that he has brought together the Leola Drainage District. Discussion occurred on the storm water runoff violations. At this time no citations have been issued, still educating owners on this process and working towards solutions. Discussion occurred on Easton Dam in regards to the recording levels- the equipment is recording the levels however they are not the correct numbers.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report – Licitar reported they have not yet met for the month of June.

Golden Sands Resource Conversation and Development, Jennifer Glad gave a four minute presentation about Golden Sands. She explained that they are partners with Central Wisconsin Windshed. She mentioned that they

are a source for helping farmers with grazing plans. They collaborate with Land & Water on Aquatic Invasive Species. Currently they have two projects that are without funding; the algae blooms/Petenwell and Castle Rock Parks and the Town of Quincy Castle Rock Access. They have hired a grant writer to help get the funding required to tackle these projects in our county.

Jennifer Glad revisited the idea on having Reesa Evans serve as the secretary of the board for Golden Sands- discussion occurred – Chris stated he would accept the nomination with the contingency that L&WC would receive 40 hours from the interns as a trade and that if 2013 budget and plan of operations does not allow time, Reesa will have to resign.

No USDA Farm Services Agency report.

Motion by James/Stuchlak to approve cost sharing the Jacobs project with Soil and Water Resource Management Program funds.

Discussion and possible action Wisconsin River Power Access Agreement—Petenwell Planting Project- Reesa reported that the proposed test area planting plots for 2013 are going forward for this year due to the donations from Wisconsin Power and Light and the Petenwell & Castle Rock Stewarts. Two other nurseries have also donated half of the plants to be planted in the back waters of Petenwell. This land is owned by WP&L – and an agreement needs to be signed prior to planting, which is tentatively scheduled for the end of June 2012.

Motion made by Licitar/Stuchlak to sign the agreement with WP&L. Motion passed unanimously.

Murphy reviewed Financial Report with Committee. Motion made by Stuchlak/Bork to approve financials.

Communications: None

Items for July's Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting: Property tax credit for vegetated buffers next to surface waters; Dave Dehmlow Stormwater Runoff Ordinance issues.

Next meeting date is July 9, 2012 at 9:00 am in room A260

Motion to Adjourn by Licitar/Roekle at 12:05pm - Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;
Michelle Harrison