

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2013

Approved

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

Sebastiani called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m. Roll call showed James absent/excused all other committee members present.

Harrison stated that the meeting was properly noticed.

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

Motion made by Licitar/Roekle to approve minutes of January 14, 2013. Passed Unanimously.

Public Participation as we go.

Discuss and possible action on approval of 2012 Wildlife Damage claims. Benson passed out a handout that showed the claims for 2012. There were 4 claims that needed to be approved. One of the claims the landowner did not shoot the required amount of deer, therefore he recommended that this claim be denied.

Motion made by Stuchlak/Roekle to approve the three claims for deer damage. Gorder/Lucas/and Schumer. Passed Unanimously.

Motion made by Stuchlak/Morgan to deny the Hays claim. Passed Unanimously.

NRCS report and possible action. None

WDNR report and possible action. None

L&WC Department report and possible action. Reported on the progress of Tree & Shrub sale. Evans passed around an example of the 2013 Waterfront Property Owner's packet for the committee to look at. A grant through the DNR will cover the first 1200 but since the cost of copies has increased for 2013 Evans will be submitting a 2nd grant to cover another 1200 packets for the Tri-Lakes area.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report and possible action. Licitar reported that the CWWP's were looking into hiring within their own county and not signing with Golden Sands RC&D in order to save themselves 15% in administrative fees that Golden Sands charges for the limited term employees for planting of the trees. He stated this has not been voted on yet.

Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development report and possible action. Stuchlak reported that they are looking into having a 6 county consortium to evaluate ground water. Golden Sands was given notice that they could no longer rent their office space from Portage County, as they needed the space. They were able to find a comparable place, so they will be moving to their new facility.

USDA Farm Services Agency report and possible action. Bork stated that the deadline for Farmers to take out crop insurance is March 15, 2013.

Discuss and possible action on LWCD job descriptions. Discussion occurred on required qualifications for schooling versus work experience. Murphy stated that what is listed for each job is the industry standards. Murphy requested that the new job descriptions go into effect immediately. The Program Coordinator's position is a newly created position so that job description must go before the Executive

Committee to be approved. It was discussed that the salary difference for the new position would come out of the contracted services budget.

Motion made by Bork/Roekle to move forward as soon as possible for approval to the Executive Committee for the job description of Program Coordinator using the salary difference out of the contracted services budget.

No- Stuchlak, Motion carried.

Discuss and possible action on the approval of the 2013 LWCD Plan of Operations. Discussion occurred in regards to changes for the Plan of Operation for 2013. On page 2, Goal B to change Arrowhead to Arkdale and Sherwood to Big Roche-a-cri for the aquatic plant surveys. Other changes were had written on hand out. Page 6, Goal D attend and participate in Golden Sands meetings – Murphy stated that either himself, Stuchlak or James should attend the meetings for voting purposes. Evans can remain as the secretary but he feels that she should not be able to vote or discuss personnel issues on behalf of Adams County. Stuchlak stated that Evans is allowed to participate due to the way that Golden Sands has written their by-laws.

Motion was made by Stuchlak/Morgan to allow Reesa Evans to attend Golden Sands on county time as a member at large. Passed Unanimously.

Discuss and possible action on resolution to endorse and support GEITS. Discussion occurred about the one-time clean up. Concerns were brought up about the lake needing to be cleaned more than just one time. Bill Euclide commented that they really need to think of the clean up as a secondary item. The bigger picture is getting the company to come and set up a business in Adams County to create much needed jobs in this area. It was brought up that the resolution should be changed to have Daric Smith be a point of contact with GEITS for the business side and Chris Murphy be a point of contact for GEITS for the technical side.

Motion made by Stuchlak/Roekle to accept the resolution as amended. Passed Unanimously.

Financial report- Discussion and review of the report occurred.

Communications. A copy of the end of the year report for the AIS Grant was given out for review. A copy of a letter to Governor Walker asking him to consider increasing the DATCP funding for LWCD staffing was reviewed and signed. Murphy handed out a resolution for the committee to consider that would restore base-level funding to 9.3 million. It was asked to put this on next month's agenda. Discussion occurred on the Farmland Preservation rule. This item is through Planning & Zoning— Murphy thought it would be a good idea to have the DNR come back to do a presentation on the pros and cons. Murphy explained the situation with the laptop for the agronomist's position. This laptop was budgeted through the MIS department but it did not get ordered as it was scheduled to – Murphy moved forward to purchase this laptop. Sebastiani stated that if it was budgeted through the MIS department then LWCD should be reimbursed. He stated that he would bring this issue up at the Finance Committee. Stuchlak stated that he is currently working on the Easton Land transfer and that should be complete with the next month.

Items for next month's Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting: Resolution to Restore Base-Level Funding as supported by WCA and WI Farm Bureau. Bring website address to next meeting.

Next meeting date: March 14, 2013 at 1:00pm

Motion to Adjourn at 2:45pm by Roekle/Licitar.

Respectfully Submitted;

Michelle Harrison