

WAUPACA COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes — February 5th, 2018

Vice Chair Ellis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and gave the open meeting statement.

Roll Call: Vice-Chair Bob Ellis, Supervisors David Johnson, Lee Much, James Nygaard. Others present: Brian Haase, Lisa Neuenfeldt, Greg Peterson. Excused- Chair DuWayne Federwitz.

Review and Approve Agenda: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Much to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting, January 8th, 2018: Motion by Much, seconded by Nygaard to approve the January 8th, 2018 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Waupaca County Speaking Contestant - Clara Koles gave her speech to the committee. The title was "Toxic Blue Green Algae-A Growing Threat to Wisconsin." Clara will move on to the regional contest on February 13th.

Public Comment: None

Agency Reports:

NRCS Report — Lisa Neuenfeldt:

EQIP Local Work Group Applications Funded:

Cropland:	1 application for \$7,300
Forest:	11 applications for \$36,272
Pasture:	4 applications for \$67,936
Farmstead:	None – applicant cancelled request

Staff is working on getting these applications turned into contracts and meeting with participants. The next EQIP signup is May 18th. We hope to target applications for cover crops during that signup. We are still working on setting up Bear Lake watershed meeting. The Waupaca office's Pathways intern will start on Feb. 20th. Waupaca County is eligible to accept applications for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Wildlife Habitat (WH) and Invasive Species (IS) signups. The deadline is May 18th.

FSA Report — Rhonda VandeHey - None

Meeting Reports:

Golden Sands RC&D – Ellis and Haase attended on January 18th. Discussions revolved around the multi county AIS grant application and what other counties are doing for watershed and lake management planning efforts. RC&D has hired a position that they hope to make available to the counties for 9KE watershed planning.

Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association- Haase and Nygaard attended on January 26th. DNR gave a presentation on the Upper Fox/Wolf TMDL. Completion is still slated for late 2018. While at the meeting Haase had a good discussion with Jessica from Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance regarding a possible future Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant for our new 9KE plan area. Area Conservation Poster Contest judging was done during lunch.

WDACP Program Approval – John Hoffman, Sr. - Greg Peterson explained the Hoffman request for a deer damage payment. Normally the LWCC would need to approve/deny the request by March 1st however Peterson has not heard from DNR regarding the issue of Mr. Hoffman not meeting his deer kill quotas for 2017. While not required, Haase expressed a concern that the department had not specifically notified Mr. Hoffman that he was on the February agenda. DNR did say they would extend the March 1st deadline in order to allow time to examine the payment request criteria.

Motion by Nygaard, seconded by Johnson to move the issue to the March LWCC agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Agricultural Enterprise Area – Haase passed out the letter and map that was mailed out to the 5 Waupaca towns in the proposed AEA. Each town has a meeting date set for their respective Planning Commissions to have public informational sessions. Haase, Ryan Brown and Greg Blonde will be attending each session in some combination. Outagamie is doing the same in two townships. All seven dates are on the letter to allow crossover attendance.

Manure Irrigation /Irrigation Ordinance study – Haase discussed the additional information on the UW/DNR website regarding the manure irrigation study. Haase encouraged the LWCC to watch the 49 minute you tube video by Mark Borchardt discussing the drift study results. The study seems to put scientific reason to the DNR CAFO setback distances.

Land & Water Resource Management (LWRM) / Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Cost Share Agreements Approval – None.

County Conservationist Report - Haase updated the county tree sale. Sales are up due to DNR and other nurseries doing limited sales. Haase reviewed a letter sent to Larrabee Town Chair Lynn Jepson regarding a Conditional Use Permit application that the town is addressing which lies within the water Quality Management Area of Pigeon Lake. Haase said the Bear Lake/Little Wolf 9KE Watershed Plan has been submitted to both DNR and NRCS and approvals are expected soon. NRCS is already cost sharing EQIP applications within the plan area.

Upcoming Meetings- WI Land & Water Conference registrations are due February 13th. The Bear Lake/Little Wolf landowner meeting is trying to be scheduled for March 6th or 7th.

Adjourn: Motion by Much, seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Submitted by,

Brian Haase
Recording Secretary

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