

**WAUPACA COUNTY  
LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

May 4, 2015  
Room 1068  
Courthouse, Waupaca

Chair Federwitz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Patricia Craig, Bob Ellis, Lee Much, Dick Rohan and Walter Strebe, DuWayne Federwitz and Donald Peterson.

Also Present: Brian Haase, Roger Holman, Dave Heideman, Lisa Neuenfeldt and Derrick Raspor.

Federwitz gave the open meeting statement.

Motion by Craig, seconded by Much to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Strebe to approve the April 2, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Federwitz opened the meeting for public comment. There was none.

Neuenfeldt reported that as of June 15, Adam Abel will not be working in Waupaca County. Abel is being moved back to the Appleton office to work on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Neuenfeldt introduced Derrick Raspor, who is currently a NRCS intern, who will be working full time over the summer and after he graduates in December from UWSP. Staff is working on completing the "conservation tool" for the 14 CSP applications/renewals, including developing maps, plans and planning activities the applicant wants to implement. Upcoming sign-up deadlines are Pigeon River NWQI - May 15, Cover Crop - June 5 and Honey Bee - June 5. The last contract for FY15 EQIP was obligated Friday. Neuenfeldt noted they were hoping to get more funding for applications on the waiting list.

Heideman reported 49 CRP contracts expiring this fall, with the plan to re-enroll those in the general CRP sign-up late this summer or early fall. Ideal conditions have allowed farmers to timely plant crops this year and begin crop reporting. The deadline to report crops is July 15. Some alfalfa in the area has failed due to winter kill. Margin Protection Program payments were made for January/February, with the payment rate for March/April to be announced soon.

Discussion occurred on the new hauling regulations affecting farm operations. Haase noted that Waupaca County is not enforcing for one year to allow for compliance, however Waushara County has been denying permits to haulers for farms near the county line and other spreading arrangements have had to be made.

Haase updated the Committee on the County Deer Advisory Committee (CDAC) meeting he attended, where they made a final recommendation for deer quotas for 2015. The CDAC recognizes that it will be difficult to keep the Waupaca herd to goal with the current season structure tools available.

Haase stated that Dan McFarlane has been involved with two shore land zoning mitigation implementation jobs. McFarlane has been working with Jeff Henneman on the mitigation jobs. McFarlane is working with Ian Grasshoff in Land Information to develop a GIS tracking system, to allow for future monitoring of the mitigations.

Haase reported that 69 (72%) of the expected 96 nutrient management plans have been received to date. About 2/3 of the remaining plans are reported to be on the way from talking with owners or agronomists. That leaves staff about 8-10 plans that need follow up depending on which programs required the plan.

Haase reported that the 2015 tree sale is complete with a total of 28,800 trees sold and \$3,554.00 of net revenue. Haase noted that the 2015 sales were down from 2014 with 30,350 trees sold last year. Haase explained that there was a problem with the Red Pine being too big last year and replacement trees were made available this year for that species at wholesale cost, which cut into the net revenue.

Haase stated that interviews for the summer intern have been completed. Haase and Ryan Brown completed the interviews together as they were both looking for similar interns. Haase explained the Great Lakes intern program and interview process and noted that the timing of the interviews was fairly late to get a lot of interest from students. Haase noted that they have offered the intern position to Tyler Kranusch who will start May 18th. Tyler will be working on various GIS inventories, stream flow monitoring and various other projects with staff. Tyler will graduate next December from UWSP CNR.

Haase presented a flow chart of cost shared and non cost shared types of work including funding sources and whether or not a category could be voluntary or an enforcement action. The purpose was to show which jobs could be subject to a county fee for services. Haase then presented several options for fees that included flat rates and percentage fees. Haase did not present any hourly fee options because of the belief they would be difficult and time consuming to properly track and bill. The committee requested that Haase bring back a resolution and proposal to a future meeting using the 5% of contract option for state contracts and a \$500 grant writing fee for successful TRM applicants. Haase also presented a possible future fee schedule for the county's manure storage ordinance if it is re-written in the near future. The current ordinance is ten years old and will be in need of updating.

Haase presented TRM contract for Ken Yaeger for barnyard runoff work for approval. The contract is part of a transferred TRM Grant in the Pigeon Lake watershed and would be for approximately \$16,000.

Motion by Craig, seconded by Rohan to approve the TRM contract for Ken Yaeger. Motion carried.

Haase reported that the Pigeon Lake project workload is extremely heavy right now with several large jobs underway and several more to come this summer as well as normal EQIP, TRM and LWRM jobs. For that reason Haase and Neuenfeldt have not pushed the 2015 EQIP NWQI sign up very hard. Neuenfeldt hopes that NRCS will allow a 2016 sign up after projects get caught up. Haase and Neuenfeldt visited future water quality monitoring sites in the Pigeon Lake watershed with DNR Biologist Dave Bohla last week. Dave will be sampling sites throughout 2015. Haase reported that both April 7<sup>th</sup> DNR visits to Lashua Farms and Lori Fitzgerald's had been resolved. Haase also made a site visit to the Heimbruch TRM project with Erin Hanson from DNR. Hanson wanted to review both sites now that the easement and construction is completed.

Holman stated that the Revenue Generating Team is working on a presentation on the wheel tax to be presented to the Executive Committee, Highway Committee, Finance/Human Resource Committee and County Board. The team is also reviewing the 1/2 % sales tax, bonding and notice fees and citations.

Holman stated the Management Team is looking at bulk mailing options and website design.

Holman stated that the Privatization Team is working on a presentation for County Board on what is already privatized and what options need to be addressed.

Neuenfeldt invited the Committee to attend a local group meeting on August 4 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fremont Town Hall.

The next LWCC meeting was set for June 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Strebe to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

Roger G. Holman  
Recording Secretary