

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

June 1, 2015
Courthouse, Waupaca

Chair Federwitz called the meeting to order at 9:45 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 and Lisa Neuenfeldt.

Federwitz gave the open meeting statement.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Peterson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig, seconded by Rohan to approve the May 4, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

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

Neuenfeldt updated the Committee on the 2014 EQIP contracts. There are 56 active contracts. Discussion occurred on when names can be released for people under contract. Neuenfeldt reported their office is going through an audit. Neuenfeldt announced that Adam Abel would be leaving Waupaca for the Appleton Area office and Derrick Raspor would be the new Soil Conservationist.

Heideman explained the difference between the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act. Heideman updated the Committee on crop reporting, noting this was good spring for planting. The Margin Protection Program (MPP) had a payment that went out for March/April milk. Sign-up for 2016 MPP will start July 1. CRP participants with contracts expiring in 2015 can sign-up for a 1 year extension. The new CRP general sign-up is December 1, 2015 – February 26, 2016. Continuous and CREP sign-up is ongoing for areas of highly erodible land or land near wetlands or water bodies.

Haase reported on the LWLWCA he attended on May 29th at Green Lake County. The presentations included information about Lake Puckaway, Green Lake AIS and historic ground cover in Green Lake County. During the Meeting it was mentioned that State Sen. Cowles may be sponsoring a bill to restore DATCP's staffing grant budget to \$815,000.

Haase handed out a proposed resolution requesting that the state set the wolf population at 350 or less. Haase handed out and discussed information on wolf management, state wolf damage claims and federal level rulings impacting Wisconsin management. Haase explained that Rep. Ribble was also working on Federal legislation that would de-list wolves and allow states to again manage wolf populations. The Committee requested that Haase incorporate language into the resolution that would reflect the Federal legislation. Haase would contact Rep. Ribble's office if need be.

Haase reported that the LWCD was down to the last few required missing Nutrient Management Plans and was pursuing the delinquent landowners for them. One specific plan missing was the county required plan for the Lakeview Manor property. The committee directed Haase to send Mr. Nickel one last letter giving him 30 days to turn in a plan or the county would consider him in violation of his lease agreement.

Haase handed out and reviewed 2 options for implementing the proposed county fees for Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) grants where Force account payments are available. Option 1 for TRM related fees: County charges 5% of the cost share amount on the contract and then charges Force Account for any amount above that. Option 2 for TRM related fees: commit to using force account only, plus applications. Haase reviewed the pros and cons of both options. Discussion followed on how a fee structure is implemented under 66.0268.

Motion by Craig, seconded by Ellis to implement Option 2 for TRM related fees, confirming to use force account only for reimbursement plus a TRM Grant application fee of \$500.00. Motion carried.

Haase reviewed LWRM/TRM contracts for Lohff, Kratzke, Reetz TRM and Lashua TRM

Motion by Craig, seconded by Much to approve the LWRM/TRM contracts for Lohff, Kratzke, Reetz and Lashua. Motion carried.

Haase reported that he and Ryan Brown are participating in a DATCP Webinar reviewing how Waupaca County developed the Farmland Preservation Plan and Zoning Overlay. Haase reviewed the DNR Notice of Intent/Notice of Discharge issued to Russ Ferg based on a recent DNR site visit to review animal numbers. Ferg will be eligible for NOI/NOD funding for the runoff issues. Haase will write the grant application by the June 15th deadline.

Holman reported the Management Team has been involved in website design, evaluations, revenue presentations, state budget issues and the 2016 budget process.

The next meeting was set for July 13th at 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Submitted by,

Roger G. Holman
Recording Secretary