

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

Oct. 5, 2015  
Courthouse, Waupaca

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

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

Also Present: Brian Haase, Roger Holman, and Lisa Neuenfeldt

Federwitz gave the open meeting statement.

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

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Ellis to approve the Sept. 8, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

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

Neuenfeldt reported the EQIP sign-up for fiscal year 2016 funding ended on Oct. 2. Waupaca has 56 applications. Some are new and some are last year's unfunded applications that will roll over to this year. Like last year, all applications will be screened, and applications with the most amount of planning work completed will have the greatest chance of funding (aka "shovel ready"). After screening, all applications will need to be ranked and cost estimates done. For FY15, we obligated \$902,560 for the EQIP program. Many of the larger projects completed this summer have not been paid yet. The Pigeon Lake watershed was not chosen for special funding for next year. No explanation from the State office was given. Workload analysis done in Madison shows the Waupaca office is 22<sup>nd</sup> in the state for workload (all programs). This workload level is the same as Portage and Wood Counties combined (they have 4 staff), Manitowoc (2 staff), Juneau (2 staff), and Whitehall (2 staff). The strong working relationship between NRCS and the Waupaca LWCD helps explain the high workload with a small NRCS staff. CRP sign-up will run from Dec. 1 to Feb. 26.

FSA Director Dave Heideman was not in attendance.

Haase, Federwitz, Craig and Rohan reported on the Lake Winnebago Land & Water Association meeting they attended on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Highlights were a tour to the Menasha locks and Lamer's Dairy plant. Discussions at the LWLWCA meeting also included updated information on the multi discharger variance with point source dischargers.

Haase handed out and reviewed Resolution #26 (2015-2016), Shoreland Zoning for joint sponsorship with the Planning & Zoning Dept. The purpose of the resolution is to request that the State legislature clarify or repair shoreland zoning changes made during the State budget process. Discussion followed on the concerns and the need for clarification. Haase noted many counties have passed similar resolution either through Land Conservation or a Planning and Zoning Committee.

Motion by Craig, seconded by Ellis to recommend the adoption of Resolution #26 (2015-2016), Shoreland Zoning. Motion carried.

Holman updated the Committee on the County's 2016 budget process. Holman stated that the Conservation Technician position has been approved for upgrade from part time to full-time, subject to County Board approval of the 2016 budget.

Holman reported they are currently in the process of filling the LWCD Clerk position. The option of including Scale Attendant duties is being considered.

Haase reviewed a Nutrient Management LWRM contract for Randy Loerhke for a 50 acre parcel.

Motion by Craig, seconded by Peterson to approve the LWRM contract with Randy Larkee for a Nutrient Management plan. Motion carried.

Haase presented information for 9 CREP contracts for Edwin Flater, Roger Gehrt, Gerry O'Connor, Larry Pruess, Todd & Tim Riske, Richard Waite and Robert Young.

Motion by Craig, seconded by Peterson to approve CREP contracts for Edwin Flater, Roger Gehrt, Gerry O'Connor, Larry Pruess, Todd & Tim Riske, Richard Waite and Robert Young. Motion carried.

Haase reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade field day went well according to plans and had good weather for a change. Haase gave updates on grant payments and engineering plans. Haase also discussed the Russ Ferg NOI/NOD situation. DNR may still grant Ferg some funding later in 2015 for things related to the June 15<sup>th</sup> grant application

Holman updated the Committee on Dept. Head training and evaluations.

The next meeting was set for Nov. 2 at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting continued with a tour to the Dan Peterson (Millstream Dairy) farm to look at 2014 TRM grant work and to tour the robotic milking system. This is the first such system in the county but others are being planned and built already. Haase then took the committee to land owned by Scott Seward where water & sediment control basins (WASCOBS) are being planned and funding applied for. These particular WASCOBS will address manure runoff from several fields as well as erosion in an effort to demonstrate hard practice methods of reducing phosphorous runoff that could meet the goals of a multi-variance discharger funded practice. The committee then toured the Gonzalez Dairy Farm. This farm was issued an NOI/NOD in April of 2014 by DNR for manure related runoff and has just completed manure storage and transfers to address the situation.

Motion by Much, seconded by Rohan to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Roger G. Holman  
Recording Secretary