

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

Jan. 4, 2016
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, Lisa Neuenfeldt, and Dave Heideman.

Federwitz gave the open meeting statement.

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

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Rohan to approve the Dec. 7, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

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

Neuenfeldt reported that NRCS continuing to process payments for the CSP program. A number of participants wanted to delay their payment until 2016, so those payments will now be processed.

Neuenfeldt also stated a large number of EQIP practices were completed and cost-shared at the end of 2015, including several large waste storage projects. The High Priority EQIP applications have been ranked. No word on when funding will be coming. There will be a second "batching date" on March 4. We will be able to re-screen applications that weren't funded in the first round and also any new applications received.

Heideman reported that they currently have a CRP General sign-up. Deadline to place an offer is Feb. 26.

Heideman also stated producers are currently enrolling in 2016 ARCPLC.

Heideman reported on the Lower Fox TMDL workgroup he attended which was held on Dec. 23 in Appleton. This included Brown, Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago LWCD. Best practices to improve water quality in the Bay were discussed. Four Demonstration Farms have been established to test the effectiveness of conservation practices. The farms include; Van Wychen Farms, Tinedale Cropping, Brickstead Dairy, and Nettekoven Farms.

Haase handed out and reviewed information on the DNR Healthy Lakes Grant program. Haase stated that if the County adopts the Healthy Lakes Plan we can provide matching support through our ATC funds, staff time involved in design, and work to complete multiple projects protecting our lakes and shorelines throughout the County using the DNR Healthy Lakes Grant program.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Craig to recommend a resolution to adopt the Wisconsin DNR Healthy Lakes Plan and to administer grants for the DNR Healthy Lakes Grant program. Motion carried.

Haase presented a LWRM contract for John Heideman for Nutrient Management.

Motion by Craig, seconded by Much to approve the LWRM contract for John Heideman for Nutrient Management. Motion carried.

Haase reported that the Reetz project and Hoewisch project where the last large jobs still finishing up. Haase reviewed the Zills and Van Asten manure storage complaints. DNR has sent letters to both landowners regarding the consequences of overtopping. The LWCD will continue to work with DNR to resolve the issues. Haase discussed the DNR compliance action on the Matt Manske farm and the Gonzalez Dairy, LLC. This was follow up to the October 28th DNR site visit that still found Gonzalez's in violation of NR 151 with an existing manure stack that was not yet moved to the new storage and Manske's with cow yard runoff to surface water from the old farmstead . Gonzalez's are working towards compliance. Manske's have been given the 2016 construction season to address the issues and abandon the old site or else pay back the TRM grant. Haase informed the committee that he has received an extension for the NRCS contribution agreement that would have expired December 31st, 2015. Some projects from that agreement are still scheduled for 2016. Haase ordered a new 2016 truck in December to replace the 2005 per the 2014 non-lapsing funds schedule. The 2005 will be sold later in the spring. Staff will be continuing to work on EQIP projects for the March 4th deadline.

Holman reported they are working on County Board reports, strategic plans, and completing 2015 work.

The next meeting was set for Feb. 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Submitted by,

Roger G. Holman
Recording Secretary