

**WAUPACA COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes - May 2, 2016**

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

**Roll Call:** Chair DuWayne Federwitz; Supervisors Bob Ellis, David Johnson, James Nygaard, Michael Whitman and FSA Rep. Walter Strebe present. Supervisor Lee Much excused. Others present: Brian Haase, Roger Holman, Lisa Neuenfeldt and Dave Heideman .

**Review and Approve Agenda:** Motion by Ellis, seconded by Whitman to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting - April 4, 2016:** Motion by Ellis, seconded by Strebe to approve the April 4, 2016 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Public Input:** None

**Election of Chair:**

Federwitz request nominations for Chair of the Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC).

Motion by Ellis to nominate Federwitz as Chair.

Federwitz asked for nominations 3 times.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Nygaard to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Federwitz for Chair of the LWCC. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Federwitz thanked the Committee.

**Election of Vice-Chair:**

Federwitz requested nominations for Vice-Chair.

Motion by Johnson to nominate Bob Ellis for Vice-Chair.

Federwitz asked for nominations 3 times.

Motion by Nygaard, seconded by Federwitz to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ellis for Vice-Chair of the LWCC. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**New Member Introduction and Materials:** The LWCC members introduced themselves. Haase handed out and reviewed information for the new LWCC members that included Chapter 92, NR151 and WI Land + Water County Supervisor booklet.

**Agency Reports:**

**NRCS Report - Lisa Neuenfeldt:**

- 1) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
  - a) All funds for this fiscal year's EQIP signup have been received. Highlights of funded applications includes:
    - o 23 applications funded covering 664 acres for a total of \$576,743.
    - o Funds came from several fund pools, including local funding (cropland, pasture, farmstead and forestry), the Honey Bee fund, the Energy Initiative, the Organic fund and the fund for Beginning Farmers.
    - o Applications that were not funded include: all "medium" ranked applications (those with more planning needed), all high tunnel applications, all forestry plans and one "high" ranked farmstead application.
  - b) There are 35 EQIP projects planned for 2016. NRCS staff will be coordinating with LWCD staff to implement many of these and to stay on schedule.
  - c) This year's Local Work Group meeting, where priorities and funding levels are discussed for the next EQIP signup will be at the end of July in Fremont.

- 2) Staff has been working on the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) application/evaluation process, developing/revising Highly Erodible Land (HEL) plans, modifying EQIP contracts, processing prescribed burn plan requests & plans and laying out projects in the field.
- 3) Current obligations for the Waupaca office, EQIP & CSP: \$3.7 million covering 21,685 acres. 57% of that amount has been paid out so far.

#### **FSA Report - Dave Heideman:**

Farmers are currently signing up for the Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC) programs. The deadline for 2016 sign-up is August 1.

As soon as farmers have finished planting they will be calling our office to report the crops they have planted. The deadline for reporting spring planted crops is July 15.

Waupaca County had 59 offers to place land into the Conservation Reserve Program during General sign-up 49. The offers with the highest Environmental Benefit Index (EBI) will be eligible for enrollment. We should know very soon which offers are accepted.

Waupaca County FSA is hiring a new Program Technician. The application can be obtained through USA Jobs with an application deadline of May 20.

#### **Meeting Reports:**

##### **WI Land & Water Conservation Board (LWCB):**

Haase appeared before the LWCB in Madison on April 5<sup>th</sup> for the 5 year review of Waupaca County's Land & Water Resource Management Plan. Waupaca's LWRM Plan was the first 10 year plan in the state and therefore this was the first 5 year review before the LWCB. Historically the LWCB had a new plan for each 5 year period. Haase presented a 50 minute power point presentation on Waupaca's accomplishments from 2012-2015 as well as future planned work through 2021.

##### **Waupaca County Citizen Deer Advisory Committee (CDAC):**

Haase stated that the CDAC attracted a capacity crowd at Waupaca High School for the Antlerless Only Season recommendation for Waupaca County. The CDAC voted against the season in hopes of better future options for deer herd control.

##### **Purchase Updates:**

Haase updated the Committee on the No-Till Seeder, GPS Survey Unit, and Transcendent Technology's Farmland Preservation Tracking software purchases. DATCP has supplied counties with a free but somewhat less capable FP Tracking program that staff is testing out. So the LWCD is holding off on the approved purchase in the meantime.

##### **Cost Share Agreements:**

Haase presented Land & Water Resource Management cost share agreements for Gonzalez Dairy Farm, SRF Inc., Scott Seward, Charlie Sensenbrenner for construction practices and Don & Sharon Maleug for Nutrient Management.

Motion by Ellis seconded by Nygaard to approve the cost share agreements. Motion carried without a negative vote.

##### **County Conservationist Report - Brian Haase:**

Haase reported that the tree sale was successful with about 31,000 trees sold. Haase stated that several jobs were underway already for both erosion control and agricultural waste. Haase updated the committee on the Hoffman WDACP Claim. DNR has denied the claim, based on statutes, for John Hoffman, Jr because he is a minor. Haase presented the Notice of Intent/Notice of Discharge (NOI/NOD) for Charlind Farms in Manawa. Haase had viewed the site in April with Erin Hanson, DNR, and Hanson felt it warranted a NOI/NOD. Staff will work on a design before the next NOI/NOD grant cycle.

##### **ERM Directors Report - Roger Holman:**

Holman reported that Haase and Holman will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation to the County Board in May on the Land & Water Conservation Dept., training has been provided for agenda and minute writing and proper interviews, and

Capital Improvement Programs 5 year plans are being updated by the Land & Water, Parks, and Solid Waste/Recycling Departments.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Haase asked the Committee Members to notify him if they wish to attend the Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association meeting on May 20th. It will include a LWCC Supervisor Training component.

The next meeting was set for June 6 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nygaard to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

Roger G. Holman  
Recording Secretary

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