

WAUPACA COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – June 6th, 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, Lee Much, David Johnson, James Nygaard and FSA Rep. Walter Strebe present. Michael Whitman absent. Others present: Brian Haase, Roger Holman, Lisa Neuenfeldt and Dave Heideman .

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – May 2nd, 2016: Motion by Much, seconded by Nygaard to approve the May 2nd, 2016 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public Input: None

Agency Reports:

NRCS Report - Lisa Neuenfeldt:

Conservation Stewardship Program: As of today, only one out of four “new” CSP applications have been funded. Wisconsin did not receive as much funding as they originally thought, so there are many unfunded applications state-wide. Waupaca has 6 CSP contracts that are renewing for another 5 years. These must meet the same requirements as a new application, but there is more of a chance of getting funded.

This year’s Local Work Group meeting will be held at the Fremont Town hall on July 27th, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to summarize the results of the 2016 EQIP program and to gather opinions from the public on local resource concerns.

Staff has been working on the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). This is version of the CRP program that also involves state input/funding (routed through the LWCD). The conservation practices involve vegetative buffers next to water bodies (to filter runoff). We currently have 11 CREP contracts up for renewal and 1 new application. We are also working on 3 contract renewals for shallow water habitat areas. We have one new contract for pollinator habitat establishment; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be contributing to that project by providing the seed.

NRCS will host a soil health field day on August 10th, 9 – noon in Omro. LWCC members are encouraged to attend!

FSA Report - Dave Heideman:

The CRP general sign up had 59 offers and only one accepted offer. SW Wisconsin was getting the bulk of the accepted offers. Crop reporting has been busy. The deadline is July 15th. The ARC PLC 2016 sign up deadline is August 1st. The FSA County Committee nomination period is open until August 1st for Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1 which is the eastern side of the county. FSA had 49 applications for the position opening in the office. Interviews will be coming up.

Meeting Reports:

Golden Sands RC&D:

Haase attended the May 19th meeting. Golden sands is dealing with some staff turnover and training the summer employees. Haase ended his term as Chairman of the Waters Committee with RC&D.

County Safety: A county safety committee met for the first time since the Willis Study/Report was done in 2015. The committee is comprised of department heads and supervisors from any department that does outside or maintenance type work. The committee plans to meet once a month for now. Haase placed an order through the Highway Dept. for safety yellow T-shirts and sweatshirts for all LWCD staff. Staff are to wear the safety clothing when working construction or near a roadway as recommended by the Willis Report.

Lake Winnebago Area Land & Water Conservation Association (LWLWCA):

Haase, Johnson, Nygaard, Much and Whitman attended. The morning session was for new LWCC Supervisors and the afternoon session included a lake management presentation by Calumet County.

Proposed Manure Storage Ordinance Revision:

Haase stated that an ordinance revision is needed because he has struggled enforcing parts of the ordinance that pertain to continuing nutrient management (NMP) compliance. Corp. Counsel has advised that the 2005 ordinance is so poorly worded that there is very little we can request/enforce with respect to NMP’s. Also, our TRM grant applications are awarded higher values for counties with broader ordinances that cover all of the Agricultural Performance Standards. Haase passed out copies of our current ordinance as well as Outagamie’s current ordinance and the DATCP Draft Model Ordinance. Haase will be spending the day with DATCP staff on July 7th reviewing their model and modifying it for Waupaca. Haase asked the committee

to read the distributed copies and comment at the next LWCC. Well testing had previously been requested to be incorporated into the ordinance. Haase will pursue that as well as a source to potentially fund some testing.

L&W Proposed 5-Yr Capital Improvement Plan:

Haase distributed a 5 & 10 year CIP plan for vehicle and survey instrument replacement. The first needed replacement is not scheduled until 2019. Much suggested changing one of the 2023 vehicle requests to 2022 to even out the yearly request amount.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Much to approve the 5-Yr CIP plan contingent on changing one of the 2023 vehicle requests to 2022. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Department Transition & Clerk/Program Asst. Position:

Holman presented a transition plan that included eliminating his position and splitting the ERM multi-department back into separate entities, Land & Water and Parks/Solid Waste, like they were prior to 2011. Haase and John Francis would move into the department head positions for each department and some of the remaining salary from Holman could be used to fill gaps in the various departments. Holman distributed flow charts depicting the plans. Haase and Holman stated they would move forward in immediately filling the L & W Clerk/Program Assistant position. Additional office staff would be needed to cover after Holman's departure.

Motion by Nygaard seconded by Much to approve the transition plan and forward the flow charts to the Personnel Committee/Department. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Motion by Ellis seconded by Much to move forward with the administrative position. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Cost Share Agreements:

Haase presented a Land & Water Resource Management cost share agreement for Matt Manske for manure storage and barnyard runoff to address a DNR letter.

Motion by Much seconded by Ellis to approve the cost share agreement. Motion carried without a negative vote.

County Conservationist Report - Brian Haase:

Haase reported that the NOI/NOD grant deadline was June 15th and he would be submitting Charlind Farms NOI for funding. Haase had presented the County Transfer Facility Wetland/Prairie Restoration project to the Parks Committee. USF&WS has agreed to fund the construction of the project. Waupaca County was awarded an additional \$10,000 in NMP cost share funds for 2016 as a result of extra funding that DATCP had acquired.

Haase had received a manure spreading and chemical spraying complaint regarding the Auer Farm in Lebanon and a gravel pit runoff complaint in Little Wolf. Neither complaint turned up any significant issues. Haase also received a complaint about manure storage overflow at the Gierach Farm in Little Wolf and will follow up when DNR personnel are available.

DNR has sent John Hoffman a letter denying his son's eligibility in the WDACP program.

The LWCD has had an offer to purchase the 2005 Ford from Adam's County but will retain the vehicle at this time for the Parks Dept to use if it hires additional employees.

ERM Directors Report - Roger Holman:

Holman said good bye and thanks. All are invited to a retirement party June 16th.

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting was set for July 11th at 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Submitted by,

Brian Haase
Recording Secretary

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