

**WAUPACA COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – October 10th, 2016**

Chair Federwitz called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and gave the open meeting statement.

**Roll Call:** Chair DuWayne Federwitz; Supervisors Bob Ellis, Lee Much, David Johnson, Michael Whitman, James Nygaard and FSA Rep. Walter Strebe present. Others present: Brian Haase

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting – September 12th, 2016:** Motion by Much, seconded by Strebe to approve the September 12th, 2016 minutes contingent upon correction of which member seconded the motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Public Comment:** None

**Agency Reports:**

Due to Columbus Day Holiday the Federal Staff were not present. Haase had not received any written reports but mentioned that crop reporting ends November 15<sup>th</sup> and FSA Director Heideman will be retiring on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting Reports:**

**NRCS NWQI:** Haase and Neuenfeldt met with NRCS Asst. State Conservationist Matt Otto shortly after the last LWCC meeting to finish an application for a planning grant project for the Lower Little Wolf-Bear Lake sub-watershed. The cost projection for planning in 2017 was \$64,000 of which NRCS would pay 75%. Haase had put enough money in the contracting line of the 2017 budget to cover 25%. If approved the project could lead to similar local funding in 2018 and beyond that was experienced in the NWQI- Pigeon Lake Project. LLW-Bear Lake is the highest polluting watershed in the Upper Fox/Wolf TMDL modeling.

**2017 Budget:**

Haase stated that there were no changes to anything at this point. Federwitz thanked the management team for their efforts in guiding the budget process. He believed that the management group had rekindled the cooperation that it experienced several years prior.

**Cost Share Agreements:**

Haase presented Land & Water Resource Management cost share agreements for Manure Transfer for Dennis Roe and Water & Sediment Control Basins and Nutrient Management for Charlind Farms (Dave Lindsay).

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

**County Conservationist Report - Brian Haase:**

Haase stated that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade conservation field day at Hartman's Creek was a success and that County tree sales have already reached 4000 trees. Construction projects are still ongoing but expected to be mostly completed by November. Work on current EQIP applications is very busy. This was prompted by the recent death of a Portage County farmer near an open lagoon. Haase is still researching gas safety meter options and has consulted the county safety contractor Brian Margan for his opinion. The management team met several times in September to provide guidance on the county budget.

**County Baseline Well Testing Program:** Haase and Federwitz discussed a desire to create a baseline data set for wells in agricultural areas in Waupaca. Well tests run in the \$40-\$50 range for Nitrate, Bacteria and a few other parameters. Haase stated that he and Parks Director Francis are working with Finance Director Dombrowski to hold an ATC Committee to reallocate those remaining funds and this project would qualify. Federwitz ran a similar program in Matteson with ATC funds. Well testing would be targeted towards agricultural areas using GIS.

Motion by Much seconded by Nygaard to pursue ATC funds to facilitate a well testing program. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**County Farmer/Landowner Steering Committee:** Haase presented some discussion points that he and Greg Blonde had regarding an advisory group. Some of those points related to size, term and mission. Haase/Blonde cautioned that a steering committee should not usurp the LWCC authority over topics but be used to enhance the ideas. Haase stated that the revision of the county manure storage ordinance or the well testing program could be used as initial topics of advisory group discussions. The committee thought that maybe the well testing program would be appropriate.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

The next LWCC will be Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by,

Brian Haase  
Recording Secretary

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