

WAUPACA COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – February 6th, 2017

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

Roll Call: Vice-Chair Bob Ellis, Supervisors Lee Much, David Johnson, Michael Whitman, James Nygaard and FSA Rep. Walter Strebe present. Others present: Brian Haase, Lisa Neuenfeldt, Derrick Raspor. Chair DuWayne Federwitz was excused.

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 January 9th, 2017: Motion by Nygaard, seconded by Whitman to approve the amended version of the January 9th, 2016 minutes that Haase presented with highlighted corrections made to the public comments section. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Agency Reports:

NRCS Report – Lisa Neuenfeldt:

All Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications that were screened high have been pre-approved for funding. That consists of 25 applications totaling \$456,000.00. NRCS staff has been working on developing the associated contracts and meeting with the landowners to sign them. NRCS will have another sign up deadline on March 3rd. There are currently 20 applications that are working towards a high screening rating. CSP signup deadline was last Friday. There were 6 applications. The Pigeon NWQI signup deadline is also March 3rd. There has been very limited interest at this point. There will be a joint conference call at 1:00 today regarding the Bear Lake-Little Wolf River NWQI planning project. DNR has agreed to do water sampling and monitoring for the project.

FSA Report – Rhonda VandeHay

None.

Central WI Windshed Partnership Report – Shannon Rohde: Rohde explained the purpose and mission of the windshed program. He stated that 2016 was down on miles of windbreak planted but that allowed the crew to catch up on previous year's maintenance due to abnormally good growing conditions for weeds. Rohde also said that the windshed had greatly expanded its job reach to include highway windbreaks for counties and WDOT roads. To the point where he now has to turn work away due to travel distance. The windshed also continues to do other conservation plantings such as CRP when asked.

Golden Sands RC&D – Joel Kuehnhold: Kuehnhold stated that GS RC&D is doing its county reports early this year in order to discuss their role with counties prior to budget seasons instead of afterward. GS RC&D has been successful this year in re-acquiring the aquatic Invasive species (AIS) grant in the new 8 county format that Waupaca is part of, so there will be AIS coverage for 2017. Kuehnhold is also promoting grazing and forestry programs in the RC&D counties.

Cost Share Agreements:

Haase presented a cost share agreement for Dave Steenbock for Nutrient Management. Motion by Nygaard, seconded by Much to approve the contract. Motion carried without a negative vote.

County Conservationist Report - Brian Haase: Haase reported on the progress within the City of Waupaca wellhead project. We are still seeking additional funding through NRCS for the primary landowner in the project. Haase reported that \$38,500 of ATC funds had been approved by the finance committee for the County Baseline Well Testing project and will appear as part of a March Resolution at County Board. The county tree sale is doing well and many species are sold out. Haase worked on 2 DNR manure complaints. One was a spreading violation by Lee Newsome near Crystal Lake in Dayton and the other was a near overflow of the Cathy Tank storage that was part of a TRM project in 2011. Erin Hanson, our DNR non-point source contact will be leaving her position in early March. Haase will try to wrap up any time sensitive issues with her prior to her departure. Haase was not present at the last department head meeting due to illness.

Emergency Management Director Carlin will be doing department training with LWCD and Parks as well as a county wide desktop training next week.

Upcoming Meetings:

The next LWCC will be March 6th at 9:00 AM

Adjourn: Motion by Much, seconded by Nygaard to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by,

Brian Haase
Recording Secretary

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