

WAUPACA COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes — June 13th, 2017

Chair Federwitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and gave the open meeting statement.

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

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting May 1st, 2017: Motion by Nygaard, seconded by Ellis to approve the May 1st, 2017 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public Comment:

Phil Peterson – Commented that as a member of the Central Sands Water Action Coalition and the Waupaca Chain O Lakes Association he is interested in seeing the county develop a groundwater management plan and is interested in noxious/invasive weed issues.

Keary Drath – Commented that he was present because of his interest in the County Transfer Facility Restoration Proposal. He is the current farm operator of the property.

Agency Reports:

NRCS Report — Derrick Raspor: Neuenfeldt was on vacation. NRCS has 37 EQIP practices to implement including Cover Crops, Manure Storage, WASCOS, Grazing/Fencing/Pipeline and Brush Management. The next EQIP signup deadline is October 20th. The current CSP signup deadline is Friday. There are currently 5 new CSP applications and one renewal. There were 22 attendees at the June 6th Pasture Walk/Soil Health Day. The CRP program has 23 contracts completed of which 13 are CREP. CRP signups are on hold (likely to July 14th), CREP are still active. The Lower Fox Demonstration day is June 14th. The Waupaca County 5th Grade Field Day will be September 29th at Hartman's Creek.

FSA Report — Rhonda VandeHey:

No Report

Meeting Reports:

LWLWCA Spring Meeting- Haase attended the meeting in Marquette County. Agency reports were the highlight of the meeting and the tour was of a hydroponics business in Montello.

Golden Sands RC&D- Haase and Ellis attended the May18th meeting. Groundwater, specifically Wood County issues, were a main topic of discussion. Wood County will be trying to expand their SEWC Groundwater group to include all central sands counties. Waupaca County's contracted watershed planner position gold sheet also was officially added the RC&D project list.

Town of Lind Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) - Haase presented the petition application and map for the AEA named Farming Forward and explained that the county supporting resolution had to come through Planning/Zoning and not Land & Water due to the time schedule of county meetings regarding the LJESS committee needing to be the last committee to sign the resolution. The petition covers about 19,500 acres all within Lind. Once approved, participants will be able to sign 15 year agreements for Farmland Preservation worth \$10/ac instead of the current \$7.5/ac provided by FP zoning. Haase asked the LWCC to pass a supportive motion for the record.

Motion by Nygaard, seconded by Ellis to approve the Farming Forward AEA petition. Motion carried without a negative vote.

County Transfer Facility Project Update - Haase explained that former Solid Waste Director Holman and Director Francis have proposed a wetland restoration on the southern 10 acres of the PTF property. The Solid Waste Committee is currently going to wait until the farming rental agreement expires at the end of 2017

to move forward. Land & Water does not hold jurisdiction over the project but will be in charge of design and implementation. Haase has secured funding commitments for 100% of the cost. Haase mentioned that it is an excellent water quality project and Ellis agreed that the county should lead by example.

County Baseline Well Testing Program — The first sample bottle pickup and delivery for Lind, Dayton and Farmington starts tonight at Dayton Town Hall. ECRPC staff will be assisting with the logistics. Mailings will start this week for the second sampling located in St Lawrence, Scandinavia and Iola.

Cost Share Agreements/Grants: Haase presented the information for the \$94,400 NOD cost share agreement for Russ Ferg's leachate containment project.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Nygaard to approve the CSA. Motion carried without a negative vote.

County Conservationist Report - Brian Haase: Haase reported that the city wellhead project has stalled since Larry Lang withdrew his application for additional funds to complement the existing TRM grant that he was awarded. Lang said he is no longer interested in cooperation with the City and County to address the Nitrate issues from his feedlot. Lang suggested that the City move it's well instead. Haase reported that staff are assisting with the Chain AIS treatment monitoring. Haase also stated that the auditors had paid the office a visit as part of Finance's audit routine. Manure storage overflow complaints at the Zills Farm and Tank Farms were received by DNR staff in late April/early May. Haase showed the committee the first gas meter that the department purchased for safety. Haase stated that the Dept Head meeting was in progress at the same time as this LWCC so he would not have an update.

Upcoming Meetings: The next LWCC will be July 3rd at 8:00 AM. NRCS Local Work Group is June 21st, in Fremont.

Adjourn: Motion by Ellis, seconded by Nygaard to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Submitted by,

Brian Haase
Recording Secretary

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