

WAUPACA COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes — October 10th, 2017

Chair Federwitz called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and gave the open meeting statement.

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

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting, September 11th, 2017: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Strebe to approve the September 11th, 2017 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public Comment: None.

Agency Reports:

NRCS Report — Lisa Neuenfeldt:

The EQIP signup deadline is October 20th. We've received about 30 applications so far. The LWCD staff will be providing technical assistance to develop several waste storage plans. NRCS staff has requested that these plans be submitted to us by October 27th to allow time for conservation plan and contract development by the screening deadline (Dec. 1st). In order for an application to screen "high priority", all planning and design must be done by staff and signed off on by the applicant. A new practice available for payments in this year's EQIP program is Deer Barrier for Natural Regeneration. Only Waupaca, Shawano and Marathon Counties are eligible due to their high deer population's impact on woodland regeneration. Several landowners have expressed interest in this practice. NRCS staff has continued to field-verify and process payments for completed conservation practices. Overall, it's been a very busy field season.

FSA Report — Rhonda VandeHey - None

Meeting Reports:

Golden Sands RC&D - Haase attended on Sept 21. Much of the discussion revolved around how to produce the best scoring application for the 8 county AIS grant from DNR. The grant deadline is December 10th. GS RC&D will be requesting a cash match from each county in order to compete with the larger lake districts and other NGO's.

Public Property Committee – Haase attended the 10/6 Public Property meeting to follow up the new land lease policy that he worked on with Counsel Meulemans, Clerk Lodewegen and Parks Director Francis. The PPC adopted the new policy and will be sending 2 county owned parcels (PTF and Symco Tower) for bids. Nygaard asked whether or not the PPC could go into closed session to discuss things like financial stability in regard to a potential farm lease. Meulemans acknowledged that could be possible at the discretion of the chair.

County Well Testing Program — Haase presented some data from the 3rd round of sampling that occurred in DuPont, Union and Little Wolf. An informational session was held Sept 12th at 6:30 for participants in the first 6 townships to attend and ask questions. Kevin Maserik from UWSP will be the speaker. About 30 people attended. A 2nd session will be

held Oct 10th at FVTC in Clintonville

2018 LWCD Budget — Haase stated that the SWRM grant data from DATCP had been finalized. Estimates had to be used for the county budget since the state budget was not passed in time. The staffing grant is \$17,729 higher than budgeted. The bonding cost share is \$3,350 higher and the SEG cost share is \$17,600 higher than 2016. Additionally Waupaca received a \$19,650 NMFE grant for Nutrient Management training.

Golden Sands RC&D Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Cash Match — Haase presented a \$1000 request from GS RC&D for cash match to the grant application. This will improve scoring in the grant process. Haase stated the funds would come from contracted services and were available.

Motion by Much, seconded by Nygaard to approve a \$1000 cash match. Motion carried without a negative vote.

CH 47 Waupaca County Donated Easement Ordinance — Haase and Meulemans presented changes to CH 47. The changes reflected the wishes of the LWCC from the July meeting and included some more standard enforcement options from Meulemans.

Cost Share Agreements/Grants: Haase presented DATCP contracts for John Seeger and Mark Seeger, Nickel Farms operator of both, for Nutrient Management.

Motion by Nygaard, seconded by Strebe to approve the contracts. Motion carried without a negative vote.

County Conservationist Report - Brian Haase: Haase discussed a complaint regarding the storage of chicken manure in Scandinavia from the Town Chair. The manure stack is not in violation of any rules and is simply a nuisance. Large projects are wrapping up with the exception of the Reetz building relocation. Staff are very busy with the Oct 20th EQIP deadline projects. Management team continues to be involved with the Dimension IV courthouse space needs study.

Upcoming Meetings:

The next LWCC will be November 6th at 10:00 AM.

Tour of Practices: The LWCC toured Sandy Valley Farm's Water & Sediment Control Basin, Corbin Elmhorst's Rotational Grazing system, David Lindsay's Water & Sediment Control Basins, Jeff Henschel's Manure Storage and Egan Brother's Silage Leachate Containment System.

Adjourn: Motion by Much, seconded by Strebe to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

Submitted by,

Brian Haase
Recording Secretary

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