

**WAUPACA COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes — November 6th, 2017**

Chair Federwitz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and gave the open meeting statement.

**Roll Call:** Chair DuWayne Federwitz, Vice-Chair Bob Ellis, Supervisors David Johnson, Lee Much and FSA Rep. Walter Strebe present. Others present: Brian Haase, Rhonda VandeHey, Keary Drath, and Sherry Weise. Supervisor James Nygaard and Lisa Neuenfeldt absent.

**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, October, 2017:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Much to approve the October 10th, 2017 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Public Comment:** Keary Drath stated that there was Water Hemp, a chemical resistant weed, present on the PTF farmland. Specifically in the area planned for prairie restoration.

**Agency Reports:**

**NRCS Report — Lisa Neuenfeldt** – None

**FSA Report — Rhonda VandeHey:**

The ARC PLC payment for 2016 have been completed on corn, sorghum, oats & wheat. Waupaca had less payments than Winnebago County and more than Waushara for perspective. MPP sign up has started and will continue until December 16<sup>th</sup>. Most signups take the base catastrophic level of coverage. Changes to program include a \$100 fee then various coverage levels (\$4, \$6, etc). Due to low Milk and Low Commodity prices there have been no payments.

**Meeting Reports:**

**WI Land & Water – Food, Land & Water Project-** Haase attended the first day of the 2 day conference. Presentations and panel discussions revolving around what topics farmers and environmentalists could agree upon filled up day one. The four subcommittee reports followed on day two and will be available from WI L & W.

**Bear Lake Watershed Plan Technical Committee meeting** – Haase and Neuenfeldt held the required planning meeting which included 4 private agronomists, 1 manure hauler, 2 DNR staff and LWCD/NRCS staff. Discussion revolved around how to get landowner participation in the new watershed and how to communicate better between agency staff and the agronomists.

**Public Property Committee** – Haase stated that bids had been opened for the two county properties on October 31<sup>st</sup> and that awards would be made by the Public Property Committee on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**County Well Testing Program** — Haase presented final data from the 12 townships that were sampled this past summer. Dan McFarlane is working on getting the results linked to the county website with personal identifiers attached. A 2<sup>nd</sup> well testing informational session was held October 10<sup>th</sup> in Clintonville with about 55 people in attendance. The well testing will resume again in June of 2018.

**Town of Lind Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA)**— Haase read the DATCP e-mail congratulating Waupaca County on approval of the Farming Forward AEA in the Town of Lind. Farmland Preservation participants wishing to sign a 15 year agreement will receive an additional \$2.50 per acre (\$10/ac total) in state income tax credits for qualified land.

**CH 47 Waupaca County Donated Easement Ordinance** — Haase presented a few corrections needed to last month's draft of CH 47.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Much to approve the changes and send CH 47 on to Legislative Committee and County Board. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Cost Share Agreements/Grants:** Haase presented DATCP contracts for Jim Kempf (Nickel Farms, Operator) for Nutrient Management.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Strebe to approve the contract. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**County Conservationist Report - Brian Haase:** Haase presented the DNR Notice of Non-Compliance for Larry & Cheri Lang. The letter requests Lang to address barnyard effluent issues within the wellhead protection area. Haase stated that he and Greg Peterson had met with the assigned attorney regarding the December 1<sup>st</sup> Schertz trial for Deer damage claims. Large conservation projects are starting to wrap up and will become weather dependant soon. Management team has not met recently.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

The next LWCC will be December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Much, seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:20AM

Submitted by,

Brian Haase  
Recording Secretary

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