

**WAUPACA COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes — January 8th, 2018**

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, James Nygaard. Others present: Brian Haase, Lisa Neuenfeldt, and Derrick Raspor.

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting, December 4th, 2017:** Motion by Much, seconded by Nygaard to approve the December 4th, 2017 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Public Comment:** None

**Agency Reports:**

**NRCS Report — Lisa Neuenfeldt:**

EQIP applications pre-approved for funding so far include: 3 Conservation Activity Plans (Forest Management plans and Comprehensive farm plans) totaling \$19,085; 3 On Farm Energy funded for \$71,670; 3 out of 9 Beginning Farmer funded totaling \$313,568. Of the remaining, 3 are still eligible to be funded with local work group money, 2 were funded in the NWQI, and one wanted to put their application on hold. Bear Lake-National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)-All 4 funded - \$501,323 includes the two beginning farmers. Total funded as of 1/5/18: \$905,646

EQIP - Not Yet Funded – Local Work Group Applications:

Cropland: 1 application for \$7300  
Forest: 12 applications for \$46,913  
Pasture: 4 applications for \$67,936  
Farmstead: 1 application for \$31,654

The next EQIP signup is May 18<sup>th</sup>. We hope to target applications for cover crops during that signup. We will be planning another informational/public meeting for the Bear Lake Watershed and will be inviting landowners as well as operators. The Waupaca office will be hosting an intern through the Pathway's program. That person will start sometime this spring and will also be available to work with our partners (LWCD). We completed most of the payments in December for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). The remaining payments will be made this month. We will be wrapping up meetings with the remaining CRP-Monarch Butterfly Initiative applicants next week and signing contracts with them. 80.9 acres of monarch habitat will be established through those 6 contracts this year.

**FSA Report — Rhonda VandeHey - None**

**Meeting Reports:**

**Save The Bay –** Haase was unable to attend Cong. Gallagher's Save The Bay meeting but did provide his staff with an update of our activities.

**Safety Committee –** Haase attended the safety committee earlier today. Of interest to our staff was the new trenching safety policy that will likely require the LWCD to purchase ladders for all the work trucks to meet OSHA trench compliance. Staff spends a fair amount of time in trenches during construction related to setting grades and construction oversight.

**Kewaunee County Manure Irrigation Ordinance –** Haase handed out the new Kewaunee County Manure Irrigation Ordinance that passed in November. The goal for Kewaunee was to promote

irrigation for the water quality and road use benefits while regulate various methods to conform to health standards for airborne particles. There are currently 4 townships in Kewaunee that have their own regulations and the county hoped to have them adopt this new ordinance.

**Multi-Discharger Variance application** – Haase stated that he had applied for the program prior to the Jan. 2 deadline. The application asked for proof of LWCC approval. Haase submitted material referencing our 2018 budget showing an MDV line item which DNR said would suffice. Haase requested a formal motion of approval at this time anyway.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Much to approve Waupaca County participation in the MDV program. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Manure Irrigation /Irrigation Ordinance study** – Haase presented the DNR power point presentation compiled by Joe Baeten, DNR, and the UW/DNR report on manure irrigation. The presentation highlighted the existing regulatory differences between small farms and CAFO's with respect to manure irrigation. Several committee members commented that the existing rules and setbacks for CAFO's seemed fair and like a good starting point for the LWCC to continue crafting a proposed ordinance. Haase asked if we should propose any special farmer outreach or input. The committee felt that it was appropriate to proceed without it at this point since the DNR and UW had such a large completed study in place.

**Land & Water Resource Management (LWRM) / Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Cost Share Agreements Approval** – Haase presented the SEG transfer of \$22,819.00 from Winnebago County to Waupaca County and the Waupaca County DATCP extension request for \$60,809 in Bonding and \$65,318 in SEG for carryover into 2018. Winnebago County had a last minute contract fall through and had no other landowner available to contract with before the deadline. The Waupaca SEG carryover includes the transferred money from Winnebago.

Motion by Nygaard, seconded by Ellis to approve the transfer and carryover. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**County Conservationist Report** - Haase stated that staff was back to full after a medical leave. Haase reported that he and P&Z Director Brown will be holding the agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) kickoff meeting January 17<sup>th</sup> in the Town of Union with Outagamie County. Haase presented the DNR letter to the Gasper farm outlining the DNR findings. DNR had no issue regarding the complaints received. Haase reported that Larry Lang had been in to acquire a copy of his TRM grant application. Mr. Lang is still unwilling to proceed with the grant at this time.

**Upcoming Meetings-** Haase made the committee aware of the March dates for the WI Land & Water Convention in Lake Geneva. The next LWCC meeting is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Nygaard, seconded by Ellis to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Submitted by,

Brian Haase  
Recording Secretary

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