

Rushlow called to order the regular meeting, which started immediately after the public hearing, of the Land & Water Conservation Committee at **9:00 a.m.**, on October 2, 2009 in Court Conference Room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members Kathleen Rushlow, Gene Ciszek, Mary Platner, Erv Teichmiller, Leon Kukanich, and Ralph Sitzberger; others, Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter, Rosemary Leveille, Chuck Their, Chris Wiess, Rollie Alger, Sue Drum, and Al Drum.

The following County Board member(s) were excused:

The following County Board member(s) were absent:

Media present: Ken Anderson

Approve Agenda: **Motion made by Sitzberger, second by Platner to approve the agenda in any order at the chairman's discretion. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Approve Minutes: **Motion by Ciszek, second by Sitzberger to approve the minutes from September 9, 2009 of this committee as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item #4: Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Nothing for this month.

Agenda item #5: Land and Water Resource Management Plan update – Scholl presented a completed draft copy of the Land and Water Resource Management Plan to the committee and explained that the next step is to present the plan to the Land and Water Board on October 6th for their approval.

Agenda item #6: 2010 Department Budget Plan – A 2010 draft budget (on file in the LWCD office) was presented to the committee by Scholl. A group of concerned VCLA members came in support of the Lake Specialist position remaining in the budget. **Motion to approve the draft budget and pass it along to the Finance Committee was made by Teichmiller, second by Ciszek. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item #7: Agent reports: Lumberjack RC&D, Teichmiller stated that the conference went well and that all speakers were to be commented. LWCD, Scholl and Ritter distributed their written reports (on file in the LWCD office) and discussed a few points. Ritter is waiting for the Lumberjack quarterly meeting for approval of sponsorship to WHIP. He also stated that the AIS survey contractor grant has been completed and there were 3 additional projects completed as well. Scholl distributed the information on the WLWCA conference and a program summary on Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative (on file in the LWCD office). A request from Adams County came to Scholl for the transfer of approximately \$2,200 of cost share money. It was decided to readdress this issue next month to give the town of Conover a chance to utilize the monies by applying to the cost share program. **A motion by Teichmiller, second by Ciszek to inquire with the town of Conover if they will be applying for cost share funds this year with a deadline of November 23rd. Motion carried, all voting aye.** FSA, Kukanich stated this was the worst drought in 80 years. A damage report will be coming shortly.

Agenda item #8: Lake Organizations, ER Unified Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) & Vilas County Lakes Association (VCLA) – VCLA, Their, stated that their next meeting will be October 6th. St Germain Lake District -Their stated that the district has applied for several grants, some for management and some for AIS treatment, and has received the preliminary report of acceptance for the management of approximately \$90,000. Teichmiller reported that the Little Arbor Vitae district has also applied for management grants but has not heard yet.

Agenda item #9: Out-of county travel – **Motion by Sitzberger, second by Teichmiller to approve all travel for the LWCD staff and for Rushlow and Sitzberger to attend the WLWCA conference. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item #10: Budget/Voucher approval – The following vouchers were presented for payment: Barb Gajewski-\$501.00; William Mallon-\$3,927.78; Moon Beach Camp-\$1,610.00; Price County Land Conservation Department-\$40.00; Ted Ritter-\$162.80; and Carolyn Scholl-\$318.95. **Motion by Teichmiller, second by Platner to approve the bills as presented and to accept the financial budget update and place on file. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item #11: Letters and Communications –The following items are on file in the LWCD office: Northeast Wisconsin Forest Pest Update; Grazing Network Members, Network News; Gathering Waters Conservancy, 2009 Annual Report; National Association of Conservation Districts – the Resource; and Forestry Notes; National Association of State Forester, Smokey’s 2010 Forest Fire Prevention and Conservation Project Catalog. Their, VCLA, asked if the Lake Specialist position vacancy request had gone back to the Personnel Committee and what is the status. Rushlow answered that the Personnel Committee has addressed the request and will be revisiting the situation at yet another Personnel Committee meeting, but as of right now there is no change.

Agenda item #12: LCC Chair Comments – None for this month.

Agenda item #13: Set 2010 Meeting Schedule – **A motion by Platner, second by Ciszek to have the LWCD meeting on the second Wednesday of the month throughout 2010. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Future Meeting Dates/Items: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2009 in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Sitzberger, second by Platner to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Respectfully submitted by: *Rosemary Leveille*