

Rushlow called to order the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee at 9:00 a.m., on March 10, 2010 in the Lower Level Conference Room #1, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Present:** The following persons were present: County Board members Kathleen Rushlow, Gene Ciszek, Mary Platner, Ralph Sitzberger, and Erv Teichmiller; others Mike Meyer, Rollie Alger, Carolyn Scholl, Susan Hunter, Steve Rhode, and Rosemary Leveille  
The following County Board member(s) were excused:  
The following County Board member(s) were absent:  
Media present:

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

Approve Minutes: **Motion by Sitzberger, second by Ciszek to approve the minutes from February 12, 2010 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:** Cost Share Conservation Program – M. Meyer gave a power point presentation on the Wisconsin Restoration Initiative Project. He also thanked Vilas County for all of their help and financial assistance that they have given for the past 3 ½ years. Scholl stated that the 2009 carryover request for the cost share program is \$31,873.75. The notification of approval will come sometime in April. If the carryover is approved the total amount to be used in 2010 will be \$94,799.75.

**Agenda item #6:** Department Budget – The 2011 DATCP Joint Allocation application is due April 15<sup>th</sup>. The application was shown to the committee and is in the amount of \$149,312.00 which includes \$40,000.00 for 2011 cost share projects, and the remainder for staffing and support. **A motion to have the chair, Rushlow, sign the application was made by Sitzberger, second by Ciszek. Motion carried.**

**Agenda item #7:** Lake Conservation Specialist, position vacancy – Rushlow stated that the Lake Conservation Specialist position issue has been resolved. The position will be announced to the applicants that applied and never got to interview in October. **Motion for a resolution to go to the County Board for the Limited Term Lake Conservation Specialist position for approval on March 23<sup>rd</sup> under K. Rushlow's signature only, because of time constraints, was made by Ciszek, second by Sitzberger. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item #8:** Agent reports: UWEX, FSA, LWCD, NRCS, NCLWCA, Lumberjack RC&D – Lumberjack RC&D, Teichmiller stated that he was in Washington D.C. as the Lumberjack representative to speak with legislators and aids. He announced that for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row the funding for the RC&Ds has been pulled but they hope to see it restored. A copy of a resource conservation and development area map, a chart of RC&D funding results in a decrease in service, and a 2009 accomplishment report (all on file in the LWCD office) was given to the members. LWCD, Scholl and Ritter's written reports are on file in the LWCD office. Scholl stated that T. Cummings from the DNR was inquiring on the situation at the Lost Lake Dam and Little Tamarack Flowage. Scholl was able to reply about the Lost Lake Dam that the requirements are being met and she and the DATCP engineer have inspected the Dam just recently; about Little Tamarack Flowage situation the Land and Water Conservation department has not heard from the Town of Conover as how LCD could assist them. S. Rhode, Town of Conover chair, stated that the County has easement rights and needs to make the first step. Rhode stated that the Forestry Committee had been informed and, has not gotten back to him and the town to inform him what is the next step. Rhode was instructed to get copies of the paperwork stating the County has easement rights to Scholl and Scholl will talk with Forestry personnel and find out what needs to be done.

FSA, Hunter presented her report (on file in the LWCD office) and discussed all of the programs.

**Agenda item # 9:** Lake Organizations, ER Unified Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) & Vilas County Lakes Association (VCLA) – VCLA, Alger stated that at the WAL conference in Green Bay, VCLA will have a poster presentation on the Blue Heron Stewardship Award that they will be giving out to residents of Found Lake, St. Germain.

**Agenda item # 10:** Out-of County travel – **Motion by Ciszek, second by Rushlow to approve Sitzberger to attend the annual deer herd status meeting in Rhinelander on March 11<sup>th</sup>, and the WAL Conference in Green Bay on March 30 – April 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried, all voting aye. Motion by Ciszek, second by Teichmiller for the following travel plans: Scholl –WI County Forest Assoc. mtg. in Wausau March 25<sup>th</sup>, and County Conservationist mtg. in Waupaca, April 8<sup>th</sup>; Ritter –WHIP steering committee mtg. in Rhinelander, April 9<sup>th</sup>, “Train the Trainer workshop in Phillips, April 14<sup>th</sup>, and Northern WI AIS Coordinators mtg. Rhinelander, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item # 11:** Budget/Voucher approval – **Motion by Platner, second by Ciszek to accept the budget update. Motion carried, all voting aye.** The following voucher was presented for payment: Ted Ritter-\$131.00. **Motion by Sitzberger, second by Teichmiller to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item # 12:** Letters and Communications – The following items are on file in the LWCD office: Northeast Wisconsin Forest Pest Update, Feb 6, 2010; Thursday Note, Volume 13, Issue 1; Grazing Network Members, Feb., 2010; and forestry notes, March, 2010 (all on file in the LWCD office).

**Agenda item #13:** LCC Chair Comments – None for this month.

**Future Meeting Dates/Items:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2010 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 11:00 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*