

Sitzberger called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on August 3, 2010 in the Lower Level Conference Room #3, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members; Ralph Sitzberger, Mary Platner, Gene Ciszek, and Dennis Nielsen; others Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter, Mariquita Sheehan, and Rosemary Leveille

The following County Board member(s) were excused: Erv Teichmiller

The following County Board member(s) were absent:

Media present:

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

Approve Minutes: **Motion by Platner, second by Ciszek to approve the minutes from July 9, 2010 of this committee as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program –

Nothing to report for this month.

Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership –

Scholl shared the language changes that Corporation Counsel suggested for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for support from Vilas County and other parties for WHIP activities. **A motion was made by Nielsen to approve the MOU as originally written and send it to the full County Board with a resolution in support of WHIP activities. Motion carried, all voting aye.** After an extensive discussion about insurance coverage and the Invasive Coordinator Position description, **Platner made the motion to request the insurance underwriter, Jackie, to attend the next LCC meeting on September 7th to clarify and answer all questions of the committee regarding insurance coverage in the application of chemicals on private land by a county employee. The motion was seconded by Ciszek. Motion carried, all voting aye.** Scholl was instructed to have Dave Alleman, County Clerk, request the insurance underwriter to attend; and to request Martha Milanowski, Corporation Counsel, to attend also. Sitzberger will ask Larry Stevens, Forestry Administrator, to attend.

Groundwater /Private Wells Testing Program –

A copy of "The Lake Connection" (on file in the LWCD office) was given to the committee. Scholl announced that she would like to conduct a county wide testing program of groundwater and would like to ask Lumberjack RC&D for funding of the project. **Motion by Nielsen, second by Platner to propose the ground water testing project to Lumberjack RC&D for their financial assistance. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

2011 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan –

A copy of the DATCP preliminary allocation was given to the members. The table shows that Vilas County will have a short fall of \$35,763 from the original report; leaving the 70% position at a -10%, the 50% position at a -100%, and the cost share projects at a -\$5,125.

2011 Land & Water Department Budget – First Draft –

Scholl presented the committee with the first draft of the 2011 budget (on file in the LWCD office). The committee would like to see a few changes and have it brought back to the next meeting.

Agent reports: UWEX, FSA, LWCD, NRCS, NCLWCA, Lumberjack RC&D –

Lumberjack RC&D, Nielsen announced that Lumberjack has \$71,000 to fund projects. They will be forming an ADHOC committee to approve projects that apply for funding through them. The state wide RC&D conference for 2010 will be September 23 – 24, 2011 and Lumberjack RC&D will pay for 6 members for the Northern district to attend. LWCD, Ritter, Sheehan, and Scholl distributed their written reports. Ritter announced that he has been approached to be a possible presenter at the Minnesota/Wisconsin Invasive Species Conference in St. Paul, MN. In anticipation of the DATCP short fall of funding Scholl wrote a grant to the WDNR for additional staff funding, has submitted it and is waiting for approval. The DNR contract for the Lake Specialist has arrived. Scholl will write a resolution to present to the full County board, and request an insurance certificate from the County Clerk for presentation to the DNR. Scholl asked which committee members will be attending the NCLWCA Summer Tour meeting on August 13th.

Lake Organizations, ER Unified Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) & Vilas County Lakes Association (VCLA) –

Nothing to report for this month.

Out-of-county travel –

A motion by Ciszek, second by Platner to approve the following; Sitzberger, Nielsen, and Scholl to attend the NCWLWCA Summer tour; Scholl on Sept 30 and Oct 1 in Stevens Point for the county conservationist meeting; and Ritter on Aug. 20th to Woodruff for WHIP, and November 8 – 10, 2010 to MN for the Minnesota/Wisconsin Invasive Species Conference. Motion carried, all voting aye. Motion by Ciszek, second by Nielsen for Ritter to pay the higher hotel rate (up to \$150 per night) for the MN conference. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Budget/Voucher approval –

The following vouchers were presented for payment: Ted Ritter-\$83.00; Mariquita Sheehan-\$194.50; and Carolyn Scholl-\$464.50. **Motion by Nielsen, second by Platner to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Letters and Communications – Sitzberger stated that he received a phone call from Don Schoessow complimenting the Vilas County Land and Water Conservation department on the way his cost share project turned out, how it was handled, and the helpfulness and professionalism of the personnel. He also passed the Tamarack Flowage newsletter for the committees' perusal and mentioned that they would like to be on the mailing list just contact one of the officers. The following items are on file in the LWCD office: (all on file in the LWCD office) FSA report; Thursday note, Volume 13, Issue 6; Forestry Notes, July 2010; and Cranberry Production in Wisconsin.

LCC Chair Comments –

Sitzberger thanked Ciszek for conducting the meeting last month.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2010 in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment –

Sitzberger adjourned the meeting at 11:25a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: *Rosemary Leveille*