

Sitzberger called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on November 5, 2010 in the Lower Level Conference Room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

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

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

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 chairman's discretion. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Approve Minutes: **Motion by Nielsen, second by Ciszek to approve the minutes from October 5, 2010 of this committee with the amendment to the minutes from October 25, 2010 to reflect a "special" meeting not a regular meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Little Tamarack Flowage Dam –

The committee received a copy of a letter (on file in the LWCD office) from Karl Jennrich, Town of Conover Supervisor, stating that they now have an engineering firm contracted and need to get permission from the residents, the DNR, and Vilas County to conduct the surveying and geotechnical borings. They are now in need of additional time and have requested an extension to July, 2011 with the Town of Conover making a decision in August, 2011. **Motion by Ciszek, second by Nielsen to give the Town of Conover and extension of 6 months bringing the time line to May 3rd, 2011. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

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

LWCD, Ritter, Sheehan, and Scholl presented their written reports and highlighted them. Sheehan stated that the 2010 cost share allotment needs one more confirmation from the landowner and will then be totally allocated. Ritter announced that there are now 35 AIS coordinators through the state. He also showed the committee the press release that he wrote on the WHIP partnership. Scholl stated that the poster contest winners at the local level were: Megan Scholl for the Middle Division (4 - 6 grade), and for the Junior Division (7-9 grade) was Kyle Radtke. At the regional level Scholl took 2nd place and Radtke took 1st moving him into the state level which will take place on Nov.6th. A list of the 2011 meeting dates (on file in the LWCD office) was given to the committee. Scholl stated that she is now the NCLWCA representative advisor to WLWCA for the next 2 years. The committee was also informed that a study regarding the surface water runoff in Vilas and Oneida Counties will be starting soon and will continue for two (+) years.

Groundwater/Private Wells Testing Program –

Scholl attend the Lumberjack RC&D meeting and the request for just over \$11,000 was approved to do to the groundwater/private wells testing project for the first time and will now need to be approved one more time. Providing it is approved at the next meeting on January 27th, 2011 the project will take place next summer. The project will be done on a random basis with 10 tests being done in every town for free. If anyone that is not chosen at random would like to participate they can do so by paying the fees required for the testing.

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program –

Irish had no report for this month.

WFLGP Budget –

Scholl explained that at the budget hearings she was requested to use the carry over money in this account by the end of 2011. The department decided that a good way to use the money is to partner with the KOLIP (Kohl Internship Program) through WLWCA and get an intern for a project on private forest lands. **Motion by Nielsen, second by Ciszek for the department to move forward on this project and for Scholl to write a grant for the KOLIP monies of \$2,000 when the 2011 grant application comes out. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

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

Ritter informed the committee that the Eagle River Chain of Lakes received the full amount requested for their upcoming grant.

Out-of-county travel –

A motion by Nielsen, second by Ciszek approve the following; Sheehan on Dec. 1 to Park Falls; for a DATCP Tech group meeting; Ritter on Dec. 17 to Minocqua for a WHIP steering mtg.; and Scholl on Nov. 30 to Stevens Point for Lakes Conference planning mgt. Nov. 6 to Stevens Point for WLWCA mtg., Nov. 19 to Minocqua for WHIP mtg. and Dec. 8 – 10 to Wisconsin Dells for the WLWCA Annual Conference. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget/Voucher approval –

The following vouchers were presented for payment: Clermont Printing and Office Supply-\$23.94; Dinn Bros-\$30.70; Ted Ritter-\$146.00; Carolyn Scholl-\$372.50; Mariquita Sheehan-\$137.00; USDA_APHIS-\$1,348.73; and WLWCA-\$110.00. **Motion by Nielsen, second by Ciszek to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Letters and Communications –

The following items are on file in the LWCD office: WLWCA - a resolution on deer herd management, a campaign flyer for Tom Rudolph to remain of the LWCB board; NRCS - report; FSA – report; Thursday Notes, Volume 13, Issue 8; Northeast Forest Pest Update, Oct. 15, 2011; Grazing Network News; and Forestry Notes Volume XIX, Issue 11.

LCC Chair Comments –

Sitzberger informed the committee on how impressed he was with the children that participated in the speech contest and asked the committee to think of ways to get Vilas County involved next year. He also stated that he and the committee are proud to see the participation in the poster contest especially of the winners.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

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

Adjournment –

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Sitzberger at 10:05 am.

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

Respectfully submitted by: *Rosemary Leveille*