

Sitzberger called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:01 a.m., on May 6, 2011 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, Erv Teichmiller, Gene Cizek, Mary Platner, and Dennis Nielsen; others Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter, 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 Platner, second by Cizek to approve the agenda in any order at the chairman's discretion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Nielsen, second by Teichmiller to approve the minutes from April 5, 2011 of this committee. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Closed Session –

Motion by Teichmiller to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat., §19.85(1)(c) for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, second by Platner. The roll call of vice chair-Gene Cizek, Mary Platner, Dennis Nielsen, chair-Ralph Sitzberger, and Erv Teichmiller to move into closed session was unanimous. Motion carried.

Adjournment of the closed session and return to open session –

Motion by Teichmiller to adjourn the closed session, second by Nielsen. The roll call of Erv Teichmiller, chair- Ralph Sitzberger, Dennis Nielsen, Mary Platner, and vice chair-Gene Cizek to adjourn closed session was unanimous. Motion carried.

Committee may consider ratifying any action taken in closed session –

Motion to accept, approve and forward the evaluation to Personnel was made by Cizek, second by Platner. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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

No one from the lake organizations attended the meeting.

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

Lumberjack, Teichmiller stated the funding for Lumberjack has been cut by 53 million dollars across the nation, and Kim Goerg's position has been eliminated. Lumberjack finances are in great shape and they will have enough money for years to come. Teichmiller mentioned that a local electronic suppliers list, for public use, is being worked on in conjunction with Lumberjack and all counties that wish to participate for items such as farmers market, bee keeping, wood working, and such. He also had the Lumberjack project list for anyone to look over. LWCD – Scholl, Ritter and Sheehan distributed their written reports (on file in the LWCD office). Scholl announced that the 2011 DATCP grant contract came in and needed the chair's signature. She gave the comparison from 2010 and 2011, for staffing 2010 \$106,690 was received vs. 2011 staffing they will receive \$113,291 the difference reflects a portion of an additional full time staff member; and for cost share 2010 \$62,926 was received vs. 2011 \$34,875 will be received the difference reflecting a lower requested amount due to the carryover from the year before. **Motion by Teichmiller, second by Nielsen to accept the contract and have the chair sign. Motion carried.** Scholl read a letter received from Kyle Radtke for the conservation camp scholarship. **Motion by Platner to grant the scholarship to Kyle Radtke for full registration to the**

conservation camp, second by Teichmiller. Motion carried. A copy of the groundwater testing pickup and drop-off schedule (on file in the LWCD office) was given to the members and they were shown the flyer that will be sent to the towns on May 23rd. Press releases will also be done to recruit people to have their water sampled. **Motion by Nielsen, second by Ciszek for Scholl to write a policy for the procedure and results distribution for the groundwater testing. She is also instructed to have the Corporation Counsel go over it before returning to the committee with the policy for final approval. Motion passed unanimously.** The interviews for the terrestrial LTE will be on May 11th or 16th with a committee made up of WHIP member, Rod Sharka; Vilas County Forester, John Gagnon, county board supervisor, Ralph Sitzberger; and herself since the Personnel Committee turned over the hiring to the Land & Water Department since the hire is a LTE person. The Lakes Convention was a great success this year and the dates for next year are April 9 – 12, 2012. Scholl asked the committee if they also thought that having a Facebook page on the LWCD website was a good idea. She was given the OK to do so. Ritter announced that the summer internship program for boat inspection and education to the public will be returning this summer. He has now finished the scheduling of 2,604 hours to be distributed between 6 students and will be conducting training on May 25th.

Out-of-county travel –

A motion by Teichmiller, second by Ciszek to approve the following out of county travel: Scholl on June 21st - 23rd to Rusk County for Youth Conservation Camp; Ritter on May 10th to Rhinelander for AIS coordinators Northern Region annual meeting, and on May 20th to Minocqua for WHIP steering committee meeting; Sheehan on May 10th to Rice Lake for Erosion Control Training Field Day; and Nielsen and Sitzberger on June 10th to Antigo for the NCLWCA spring meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget/Voucher approval –

The following vouchers were presented for payment: Clermont Printing and Office Supply-\$39.99; Ted Ritter-\$732.61; Carolyn Scholl-\$505.82; Mariquita Sheehan-\$96.90; and USDA-APHIS-\$736.52. **Motion by Teichmiller second by Nielsen to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Letters and Communications –

Scholl presented the signup sheet for the NCLWCA spring meeting. A copy of the option for combining WLWCA and WALCE (on file in the LWCD office), throughout the state, that the WLWCA voted on was given to the members. It was noted that WLWCA selected option #5 as a method to run the combined organization.. The following items are on file in the LWCD office: DATCP report for March and April, 2011; NCWRPC News; FSA, May report; news releases for April; Forestry Notes, April 2011; Northeast Region Forest Insect and Disease Report; Golden Sands, Resource Conservation & Development Council; Network News; and Northwood Land Trust, spring 2011 all on file in the LWCD office.

LCC Chair Comments –

Sitzberger explained the date changes for the meetings are due to the committee assignments for him. He also thanked the members for the job well done with the evaluation that took place at this meeting.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2011 in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment –

Motion by Ciszek, second by Teichmiller to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 am. Motion carried.

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Respectfully submitted by: *Rosemary Leveille*