

Rushlow called to order the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee at **9:00 a.m.**, on January 13, 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, and Erv Teichmiller; others, Rollie Alger, Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter, Maggie Bishop and Rosemary Leveille

The following County Board member(s) were excused: Ralph Sitzberger

The following County Board member(s) were absent:

Media present:

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

Approve Minutes: **Motion by Platner, second by Ciszek to approve the minutes from December 11, 2009 of this committee as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item #4:** Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Irish has nothing for this month.

**Agenda item #5:** Conservation Education Donation –Maggie Bishop from Trees for Tomorrow explained the practices and education programs that take place at “Trees”. She thanked everyone for the donation of \$500.00 and said that it will be put to good use. Usually when a donation is received it is used to benefit as many students as possible. The committee will leave the decision on how the monies are used up to the “Trees” staff. Bishop highlighted a new format for the Natural Resources careers workshop offered to students (a flyer is on file in the LWDC office).

**Agenda item #7:** Appointment of Lumberjack RC&D alternate representative – Teichmiller stated that he has not been able to contact Al Drumm as of yet but will continue to try. He will come back to the committee next month with his progress.

**Agenda item #8:** Agent reports: UWEX, FSA, LWCD, NRCS, NCLWCA, Lumberjack RC&D – LWCD, Ritter and Scholl distributed and highlighted their written reports. Ritter stated that he has purchased the materials to become a “Certified Pesticide Applicator”. The committee decided that this would be beneficial for Ritter in working with the terrestrial invasives and he should put in for reimbursement for all of the certification/training materials. The Town of St. Germain asked Ritter if he could get permission from the committee to use the Vilas County logo on the “Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers” signs that are displayed around the town. **Motion by Teichmiller, second by Ciszek for St. Germain and all towns, if wanted, to use the Vilas County logo on their aquatic signs. Motion carried, all voting aye.** Scholl gave a copy of a letter (on file in the LWCD office) written by herself to DATCP and the Land and Water Resources Bureau in opposition to the DATCP 2010 Joint Preliminary Allocation. Lumberjack, Teichmiller will bring of Lumberjack possibly helping out Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Inc. monetarily. He stated that the next meeting will be in Antigo on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda item # 9:** Lake Organizations, ER Unified Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) & Vilas County Lakes Association (VCLA) – VCLA, Alger announced that their newsletter went out on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>. The main story and interest was on shoreland stewardship awards. No activity or reports from the lake organizations this month.

**Agenda item #6:** Lake Conservation Specialist – Two proposals (on file in the LWCD office) to fill the lake conservationist position were given to the committee. The proposals were discussed and some information needs to be obtained so a final decision can be made. Scholl will try and get the answers for the next meeting.

There will be a joint meeting on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> with the Personnel Committee and the Land and Water Conservation Committee. **Motion by Platner, second by Ciszek for the lake specialist position to be considered at the**

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**joint committee meeting with all of the options to be explored and any alternative options in order to get the position filled. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item # 10:** Out-of county travel – **Motion by Teichmiller, second by Platner to approve the following travel plans Platner and Scholl to attend the WI Lakes Conference in Green Bay; Teichmiller, the Lumberjack RC&D in Antigo; and Ritter, the Statewide Lakes Team quarterly meeting in Weston. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item # 11:** Budget/Voucher approval – **Motion by Teichmiller, second by Ciszek to accept and place on file the financial budget update for 2009 and January, 2010. Motion carried, all voting aye.** The following vouchers were presented for payment: 2009 - Carolyn Scholl-\$4.65; WALCE-\$300.00; Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Inc.-\$800.00; 2010 – Carolyn Scholl-\$38.00; and Trees for Tomorrow-\$500.00. **Motion by Planter, second by Ciszek 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: flyer from the National Watershed Coalition, January 2010; National Association of Conservation Districts – Forestry Notes, December 2009 & January 2010; Northeast Wisconsin forest Pest Update; Thursday Note – volume 12, Issue 8; and Farm Service Agency January 2010 Wisconsin State News.

**Agenda item #13:** LCC Chair Comments – Rushlow had no additional comments.

**Future Meeting Dates/Items:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2010 in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment: Motion by Ciszek, second by Platner to adjourn at 10:35a.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*