

Land & Water Conservation Committee

May 2, 2014

Scholl called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on May 2, 2014, in the Lower Level Conference Room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members; Wally Beversdorf, Art Kunde, Walt Maciag, Kim Simac and others – Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter, Quita Sheehan, Rollie Alger, and Steve Budnick and Gail Kukanich.

The following County Board member(s) was excused:

The following County Board member(s) was absent: Mary Kim Black

Media present:

New Committee Introductions: Scholl apprised the new committee on what the Land and Water Conservation Department does, and handed out a brochure and packet. Questions from committee members were answered. Each staff member introduced themselves and explained what their job is. Each committee member gave a summary of their background.

Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair positions: Nomination by Maciag, seconded by Kunde for Beversdorf to be the Chair. Beversdorf accepts position, all voting aye. Nomination by Maciag, seconded by Simac for Kunde to be the Vice Chair. Kunde accepts position. All voting aye.

Approve Agenda: Motion made by Kunde, second by Maciag - To approve the agenda in any order at the chairman's discretion. **All voting aye. Motion carried.**

Approve Minutes: Motion made by Kunde, second by Maciag - To accept the minutes from March 7, 2014 of this committee. **All voting aye. Motion carried.**

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program: Scholl explained to and answered questions from the committee regarding this program.

Introduction to the Land & Water Conservation & Programs: Scholl explained Chapter 92 along with some of the acronyms that are used in this office. She went over the L&W packet she handed out, training manual with a copy of the standing rules. (on file). Standing rules were discussed.

Lake District Representative – Committee Recommendations: Scholl described what lakes districts are and what they do. Commissioner board explained. Committee recommendations are as follows; Simac – Alma/Moon and Stella, Beversdorf – Long Lake, Maciag – Lost Lake, Doyen – Spectacle Lake and Kunde – Litle Tamarack Flowage. **Motion made by Simac, seconded by Kunde to forward the following appointment recommendations to the county board. All voting aye.** Scholl to forward to County Clerk for further approval by Chairman DeBruyne. Stella Lake not functional/not active and discussion on what to do about this.

Committee representatives to WLWCA, NCLWCA, Lumberjack: Scholl and staff explained what each of these committees do. **Motion by Kunde, seconded by Simac to accept nominations. All voting aye.** Appointment recommendations are as follows: WLWCA – Simac and Maciag, NCLWCA – Simac, Maciag as alternate, Lumberjack – Beversdorf, Kunde as alternate.

Lake Organizations, ER Unified Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) & Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association (VCLRA): Scholl and staff explained each of these organizations. Alger handed out an agenda for the Nicolet College LA workshop. Budnick spoke about what he does in the VCLRA.

Agent reports - UWEX, FSA, LWCD, NRCS, NCLWCA, Lumberjack RC&D: Scholl explained this agenda item to the committee. Simac will check out the FSA representative status with regards to Robert Croker. Kunde questions what topics of conversation should be addressed and by whom, Scholl informed him to look at the work plan and if it is a serious issue than to see her.

LWCD: Staff highlighted their monthly report (all on file). Ritter will be doing a CB/CW training with 15 students from UW Oshkosh. Sheehan updated the committee on her cost share contracts that will be

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done this summer. Scholl highlighted her involvement in the Youth Conservation Camp at Trees for Tomorrow in June. She is also working on a draft for a work plan revision along with Fred Heider from North Central Regional Planning Commission.

DATCP Business: Final contract approval has been received. Discussion on budget applications time lines with the state. Scholl went over the DATCP joint allocation. SEG funds were explained.

Out-of-county travel: Scholl explained this agenda item to the committee. **Motion to approve travel by Kunde and seconded by Maciag for Simac to travel to Antigo for the NCLWCA meeting in May. All voting aye. Carried.**

Monthly Budget Review: The committee was given a copy of the current status of the Department budget. (on file)

Letter and Communications: This item was explained.

Future Meeting Dates/Items: The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2014 at 9am in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521. Future meeting dates were set through October. There is a problem with the October date but Scholl will resolve.

Motion to adjourn by Kunde, seconded by Maciag. All voting aye. Meeting was adjourned by Beversdorf at 11:50 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: *Gail Kukanich*