

Land & Water Conservation Committee

September 4, 2014

Chairman Beversdorf called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:35 a.m., on September 4, 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, Mary Kim Black, Kim Simac, and Paul Hennes and others – Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter Quita Sheehan, Steve Budnick, Fred Heider from NCWRP, Norm Wetzel, Ken Anderson, Dave Sadenwasser and Dawn Schmidt from the zoning department.

The following County Board member(s) was excused: Art Kunde.

The following County Board member(s) was absent:

Media present:

Approve Agenda: Motion made by Hennes, second by Black, to approve the agenda in any order at the chairman's discretion. **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Approve Minutes: Motion made by Hennes, second by Simac, to approve the minutes from August 4, 2014 of this committee. **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program: No report at this time.

Lake Organizations, ER Unified Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) & Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association (VCLRA): Budnick has nothing to report.

Agent reports – UWEX: Nothing at this time.

FSA: Peplinski discussed the Margin Protection Program to do with dairy farms. It will establish a production history. Sign up is now open for 2014 and 2015 and ends November 28, 2014. After that it will be annually starting July 1st.

LWCD: Ritter updated the committee on the Clean Boat/Clean Water project. One UW Oshkosh employee is staying to finish up until September. Next year UW Oshkosh will coordinate this program. It will be year to year. Sheehan updated the committee on her projects and an erosion problem at a boat landing on the Wisconsin River she will be working on with the help of the forestry dept. and assisting them with DNR grants to help with this.

NCLWCA: Scholl informed the committee of the Aug. 7th "Summer Tour" in Antigo. Scholl discussed what she learned regarding potatoes and signage of native plants at a county park and the business meeting she attended. Invasive species coordinators positions funded by DATCP was discussed. A resolution will be forthcoming to send on to the state to encourage them to change the language with cost sharing in ATCAP 50.

WLWCA: Next meeting will be Sept. 11th in Eau Claire, Scholl will do a conference call.

NRCS: No report.

Lumberjack RC&D – Next meeting will be October 17th.

Resolution – Plan of Public Participation for the Farmland Preservation Plan: Motion made by Black, seconded by Hennes to approve the plan for public participation plan. Motion carried.

Resolution – 2015-2024 Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plan: Motion made by Hennes, seconded by Simac to approve the LWRM plan. Motion made by Beversdorf, seconded by Hennes to amend the resolution to include any suggestions made at the public hearing. Motion carried.

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Letters and Communications: Nothing at this time.

Out-of-county travel: Motion by Black to approve any out of county travel for October, second by Hennes. Motion approved.

Monthly Budget Review: Reviewed and discussed.

Future Meeting Dates/Items: The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2014 at 9am in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521. Beversdorf to be excused.

Meeting was adjourned by Beversdorf at 10:00 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: *Gail Kukanich*