

Land & Water Conservation Committee

December 8, 2014

Chairman Beversdorf called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:02 a.m., on December 8, 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, Matt Peplinski

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 Black, second by Hennes, to approve the minutes from November 3, 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): Hennes reported that all is going well with ER Chain O Lakes Association and that they just joined the Eagle River Chamber.

Agent reports – UWEX: No report. **FSA:** Peplinski reported that the annual election is complete and Kim Simac has won. He will let the committee know at the January meeting who the new representative will be. The Dairy Program was extended to December 19th. ARC PLC program is still the same.

LWCD: Ritter updated the committee on the Clean Boats Campaign increase over 5 years (Report on file). Future of Ritter's position discussed. Sheehan reported (on file) her work with Vilas County Economics with the area lakes. Scholl gave the 2015 meeting dates: 1/9/2015, 2/13, 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12, 7/10, 8/14, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, and 12/11. These are all on the second Friday of the month. Farmland Preservation Plan revisions are being completed, a letter was sent requesting extension of the FPP certification and was approved by DATCP. Scholl will be working on grant reporting and reimbursements, going through the steps of getting Ritter's position filled, and working on a guidebook for Lake District formation specific to Vilas County. **NCLWCA:** Scholl will be attending the next meeting on February 20th in Rhinelander for the Regional Poster and Speech Contest. She invited the committee to come to this presentation. **WLWCA:** Director meeting is December 10th and Scholl plans to attend. **NRCS:** no report. **Lumberjack RC&D:** Next meeting is in January.

Review of Department Technical Services Fees & Policy: Scholl enlightened the committee on the policy and why it was first put in place. Discussion. The committee will review the policy and take this up further at the January meeting.

Supervisor Out of County Travel: There is no out-of-county travel for January.

Monthly Review of Budget: Reviewed and discussed.

Letters and Communications: Scholl inquired about an email newsletter called "the Note" from the WLWCA and wanted to know if the committee members would like to sign up for it; they all would like to get it. Discussion on grants and contacting state legislators. Simac and Scholl will follow-up.

Future Meeting Dates/Items: The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2015 at 9am at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521.

Motion made by Hennes seconded by Black to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned by Beversdorf at 10:44 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: *Gail Kukanich*