

Sitzberger called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on January 4, 2011 in the Lower Level Conference Room #1, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Present:** The following persons were present: County Board members; Ralph Sitzberger, Erv Teichmiller, Mary Platner, and Dennis Nielsen; others Carolyn Scholl, Tom Melnarik; NRCS, Michael Stinebrink; NRCS, Susan Hunter; FSA, and Rosemary Leveille  
The following County Board member(s) were excused: Gene Ciszek  
The following County Board member(s) were absent:  
Media present:

Introductions were done by all attending.

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

Approve Minutes: **Motion by Platner, second by Teichmiller to approve the minutes from December 7, 2010 of this committee. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

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

NRCS, Stinebrink introduced himself stating that he is the Natural Resource Conservation Service conservationist. Even though he has been at this position since August he was not able to devote his full attention until November because of also continuing his former position until it was taken over. He explained some of the programs available through NRCS and invited any Vilas County resident to apply to the appropriate program. FSA, Hunter distributed and discussed her January, 2011 report (on file in the LCWD office). Lumberjack RC&D, Teichmiller provided the financial statement for the committee's perusal. He also stated that he is now on a sub-committee for recommending standards for funding projects for Lumberjack RC&D. LWCD, Scholl discussed her written report (on file in the LCWD office) and announced that the final 2011 DATCP grant allocation has been received. The breakdown is as follows: \$113,291 for staffing and \$34,875 for cost share totaling \$148,166. The carryover on the 2010 cost share was also requested for \$48,700. The Land and Water Department and the Zoning Department will be having a joint workshop day later in January to teach each other about terrestrial invasives and NR115 permitting requirements. Sheehan will be putting a guide book for native plants together and possibility writing a grant for the printing costs. Ritter and Sheehan's written reports (both on file in the LCWD office) were submitted to the committee.

**Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program –**

Irish did not attend and had no report for this month.

**Out of County Travel Requests-**

The committee requested Scholl to make a list of standard and reoccurring meetings that will be coming up for the staff for the upcoming 2011 year for next month. This will then be approved at the February meeting for the rest of the year.

**Out-of-county travel –**

**A motion by Nielsen, second by Teichmiller to approve the following: Teichmiller on January 27, 2011 to Gillette for Lumberjack RC&D; Scholl on February 9 – 10, 2011 to Wausau for Lake Partnership Statewide meeting, and on March 2 – 4, 2011 to Wisconsin Rapids for the WALCE conference; Ritter on January 19, 2011 to Rhinelander for a EWM research findings meeting and on January 21, 2011 for a WHIP steering committee mtg. Motion carried unanimously.**

**2009 – 2010 Activity Report –**

Scholl asked if any board members had any comments, changes, corrections, or additions to the report given them last month. **Motion by Teichmiller, second by Nielsen to grant permission for Scholl to put the report on the full County Board meeting agenda for January and present it to the board. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

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

No one attended from these organizations.

**Budget/Voucher approval –**

The following vouchers were presented for payment: Chula Vista Resort-\$140.00; Ted Ritter-\$141.95; Carolyn Scholl-\$538.06; and Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association. Inc.-\$350.00. **Motion by Nielsen Teichmiller, second by to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Letters and Communications –**

The following items are on file in the LWCD office: Grazing Network News, December, 2010; Northeast Wisconsin Forest Pest Update; NACD Forestry Notes December, 2010

**LCC Chair Comments –**

None for this month.

**Future Meeting Dates/Items –**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2011 in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment –**

**The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Sitzberger at 10:15 am.**

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Respectfully submitted by: *Rosemary Leveille*