

Sitzberger called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on June 20, 2011 in the Lower Level Conference Room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members; Ralph Sitzberger, Erv Teichmiller, Gene Ciszek, Mary Platner, and Dennis Nielsen; others Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter, Callie Bertsch, Mike Stinebrink, NRCS, Karl Jennrich, Clyde Owens, George Holloway, Sue Holloway and Rosemary Leveille
The following County Board member(s) were excused:
The following County Board member(s) were absent:
Media present:

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

Approve Minutes: Motion by Nielsen, second by Ciszek to approve the minutes from May 6, 2011 of this committee. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program –
Nothing for this month.

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

VCLA, Owens stated that the annual meeting was very well attended and some of the presentations were on rainbow Smelt in Crystal Lake, Loon migration, Chemical treatments for EWM, and Wetlands.

Little Tamarack Flowage – update –

Jennrich gave an update on the progress and status of the Little Tamarack Dam. He was asked to put his report in writing and submit it to Scholl for the records. He stated that he did not receive the official report (on file in the LWCD office) from Bonestroo (the company that Conover Flowage Preservation Alliance hired) until May 27th and has since forwarded it to the DNR. They are now waiting for the DNR's recommendations. The committee asked to have this item put on the agenda until the project is completed or officially ended.

LWC Website – update; server use policy –

Scholl stated that the staff is working on the conversion to the new page as much as they can, but with this being summer and their busy time that isn't very much.

Local Enforcement of AIS Laws –

Ritter gave the background of the new law approving all law enforcement to administer the AIS laws not just the DNR. He is unsure if the local police, town constables, county sheriffs, or state police have been made aware of the new statutes. A copy of the statutes (on file in the LWCD office) was given to the committee. **A motion by Nielsen, second by Platner to allow Ritter to contact the Vilas County Law Enforcement Committee and all local, state or town law enforcement agencies to explain and inform them of these new statutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

LWCD – Scholl introduced Callie Bertsch the LTE that is tracking Terrestrial Invasives Species (TIS) on several private properties. Bertsch explained her duties to the committee. Scholl, Ritter and Sheehan's written reports (on file in the LWCD office) were distributed to the committee. Ritter stated the he has been contacted by 2 land owners with their concern on Garlic Mustard on their property. The one in the Boulder Junction/Manitowish Waters area are being very proactive and treating it the right way to keep it in check. The other party in the Lac

Vieux Dessert area has approximately 2 acre patch and would like some help and direction as to how to treat this large patch. Ritter with the approval of the committee will go to the Town of Phelps for their help or suggestions. NCRS - Stinebrink gave his report (on file in the LWCD office) to the committee and explained some of the programs that are run by his department. He also stated that his department could possibly help the landowner with the Garlic Mustard problem. This would be between NRCS and the landowner. Lumberjack - Teichmiller stated the next meeting is in July and will take place in Shawano.

Out-of-county travel –

A motion by Teichmiller, second by Cizek to approve the following out of county travel: Ritter on June 27th to Ashland for a GLR/AIS meeting (at his discretion on going), and on June 20th to Minocqua for WHIP steering committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget/Voucher approval –

The following vouchers were presented for payment: Callie Bertsch-\$129.54; Clermont Printing and Office Supply-\$10.29; Ted Ritter-\$275.40; Rusk County Land & Water Conservation Department-\$100.00; and Mariquita Sheehan-\$281.01. **Motion by Teichmiller second by Platner to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Letters and Communications –

Platner stated that she received a phone call from D. Schmidt, Zoning Administer, about a possible assembly amendment (on file in the LWCD office) to the zoning sanitary systems that will cause severe consequences to Vilas County water ways. Platner explained that she was just bringing this item to the committee for their knowledge.

LCC Chair Comments –

Sitzberger welcomed Carolyn Scholl back and wished her a speedy recovery.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2011 in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment –

Meeting was adjourned by Sitzberger at 10:47 am.

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

Respectfully submitted by: *Rosemary Leveille*