

Sitzberger called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on September 7, 2012 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, Mary Kim Black, Kathleen Rushlow (arrived at 9:05), Dennis Nielsen, & Lorin Johnson (Left at 9:50); and others, Ted Ritter, Carolyn Scholl, Mariquita Sheehan, and Rosemary Leveille
The following County Board member(s) was excused:
The following County Board member(s) was absent:
Media present:

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

Approve Minutes: Motion by Nielsen, second by Johnson to approve the minutes from August 3, 2012 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 and Rivers Association (VCLRA) –

Scholl has been in contact with a representative from Big Sand Lake in regards to becoming a lake district. They will be starting the process soon. She also stated that a Lake District Commissioner training will be held in St. Germain on October 2nd from 6 p.m. to 8p.m. Black went to her first St Germain District meeting; the district is writing a new grant for next year. Nielsen stated that the Lost Lake District had their first meeting as a district and have changed from a 3 person board to a 5 person.

Technical Services Policy and 2013 Fee Schedule proposal –

A memorandum (on file in the LWCD office) from Scholl regarding a potential fee schedule was discussed. Scholl was instructed to make a few changes and bring it back to the committee next month for review and possible adoption.

Land Conservation Department Budget Information –

Scholl handed out a copy of the budget with graph explanations (on file in the LWCD office). **A motion by Nielsen, second by Rushlow to move the budget forward with the word “proposed” added to the Technical Service Fees revenue line item. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

WLWCA Conference –

The WLWCA conference will take place on October 4th & 5th in Wisconsin Rapids. **A motion by Nielsen, second by Rushlow to accept the 2 resolutions (on file in the LWCD office) that will be presented at the WLWCA Conference on; 1) Regarding Increased Funding for Wisconsin AIS Program and 2) Fulfill Wisconsin's Land and Water Quality Commitment. Motion carried.** The committee and staff were also asked to vote for the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Board. Their bios (on file in the LWCD office) were given to the committee for decision. The vote will be submitted at the conference by the ballot that is signed from today's vote. **Motion to elect Joe Piechowski, Tom Rudolph, and Charles Wagner was made by Rushlow and second by Black. Motion was unanimous.**

Travel Policy Request –

Scholl explained that the department was looking for clarification on attending meetings that are out of county but in adjoining counties with regards to requesting approval. **Rushlow made a motion to allow staff to**

travel on job related issues to adjoining counties without prior approval with the second by Black.

Motion carried. Ritter asked for guidance on traveling to Michigan for an AIS meeting and possibly more.

Motion by Rushlow, second by Nielsen for Sitzberger to discuss the travel with Finance Committee chair, Chris Mayer for the September 11th meeting. Motion carried.

DATCP Business –

Scholl stated that in the August DATCP report it is stated that the preliminary 2013 allocation for staffing will be delayed.

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

LWCD - Scholl, Sheehan and Ritter presented their written reports (on file in the LWCD office) and mentioned the highlights. Scholl announced that the WLWCA conservation poster contest is coming up and she is working with the teachers already. Sheehan has been collaborating with some colleagues from Michigan and Minnesota on restoration assessment protocol. She has also co-authored an article that was in the Lake Line magazine. Ritter announced that a new DNR grant will be introduced at the AIS partnership meeting on October 18th. The grant will be for monitoring boat landings and to have people there to talk to the boaters about AIS control. Lumberjack RC&D – Nielsen stated that the next meeting will be October 17th.

Out-of-county travel –

A motion by Rushlow, second by Black to approve the following out of county travel: Scholl on Sept. 26th to Stevens Point for a WI Lake Partnership mtg., Oct. 3rd – 5th to Wisconsin Rapids for WLWCA Conference; and Ritter on Sept. 17th to Stevens Point for CBCW observation protocol mtg.; Sept. 21st to Minocqua for WHIP Steering mtg.; Oct. 17th to Merrill for Lumberjack Council mtg., and Nov. 12th & 13th to Stevens Point for Annual AIS Coordinators mtg.; Sheehan on Sept. 26th to Stevens Point for Wisconsin Lake Partnership Team mtg.; and Nov 6th – 9th to Madison for North American Lake Management Society mtg.; and for any county board supervisor on Oct. 3rd – 5th to Wisconsin Rapids for WLWCA Conference and on Sept. 11th to Rhinelander for NRCS planning mtg. Motion carried.

Monthly Budget Review –

An update of the budget was presented to the committee along with the statement of the bills paid. **Motion by Rushlow, second by Nielsen to approve the stated bills. Motion carried.**

Letters and Communications –

The following items are on file in the LWCD office: NRCS, Wisconsin NRCS Update, August 2012; Forestry Notes, August & September 2012; and The Wisconsin Conservation Congress. Scholl stated provided the detail of the staffing funds grant to show the validity of the personnel of the department. Sheehan informed the committee on some impact studies done on phosphorus, shoreland zoning rules done by the University of Wisconsin-Madison with the Department of Natural Resources

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday October 16, 2012 in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521.

Adjournment –

Meeting was adjourned by Sitzberger at 10:50 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: *Rosemary Leveille*