

Land & Water Conservation Committee

August 4, 2014

Beversdorf called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on August 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, Art Kunde, Kim Simac and Paul Hennes and others – Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter, Quita Sheehan, Steve Budnick, Dave Mueller, Matt Peplinski and Bob Egan.

The following County Board member(s) was excused: Mary Kim Black

The following County Board member(s) was absent:

Media present:

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

Approve Minutes: Motion made by Kunde, second by Hennes, to approve the minutes from July 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): Budnick has nothing to report. Scholl met with Bob Senechalle from the Little Tamarack District to research old records in the Deeds office that confirmed the existence of easements recorded on some Little Tam properties in the early 1940's.

Agent reports – UWEX: Nothing at this time.

FSA: No report at this time. New programs will be coming out in September.

LWCD: Reports on file.

NCLWCA: Scholl informed the committee of the Aug. 7th "Summer Tour" in Antigo. Scholl plans to attend and bring back a report. Beversdorf may attend.

WLWCA: No report at this time, general business had occurred. Scholl to attend next meeting on Sept. 11th in Eau Claire.

NRCS: No report.

Lumberjack RC&D – Hennes presented a draft at the Lumberjack meeting regarding policy on the use of pesticides/herbicides. A formal policy needs to be put into writing and a draft resolution for the Lumberjack Council needs to be given to Corp. Counsel for an opinion. Ritter sees no reason to take this to Corp Counsel because this is a Lumberjack issue. Ritter further updated the committee.

Land & Water Conservation Department/Programs - Education Highlights: Scholl and Sheehan gave a presentation on Soils, Water Quality and Wetlands. Scholl expressed concern that the Land & Water Conservation Committee should be consulted as to ATV trail plans. Ritter spoke regarding invasive species and the ATV trails. Discussion. Reports on file.

DATCP Business: LWRM & Farmland Planning updates: Farmland Planning and LWRM are going ahead. The 2nd meeting of the Farmland Planning Committee will be Aug 13th and they will be going over the maps and the mapping criteria. Scholl will send letters to area producers to encourage attendance. Scholl asked the committee to look at the draft of LWRM work plan and give her feedback within the next two weeks. A public hearing on the LWRM draft needs to be done by Sept. 4th and can be done along with the regular monthly committee meeting on Sept. 4th, 2014. **DATCP Annual**

Budget: A preliminary 2015 allocation report was given to committee members to look over. Discussion.

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2015 Watercraft Inspection Program Proposals – Education Highlights: Bob Egan spoke regarding the business incubator getting involved with managing the Watercraft Inspection Program. He feels they are not qualified and do not have the time and respectfully bows out. Scholl clarified Ritter's IS coordinator position and the CB/CW program. Ritter informed the committee about the meeting they had with Greg Kleinheinz from UW-Oshkosh. UW-Oshkosh would like to coordinate the program; they will run the whole program. Ritter also talked at the last lumberjack meeting and they were eager to take it over also. The state grant program would add \$2.00 an hour to the grant. Discussion. It was agreed that this program should stay in Vilas County and that UW – Oshkosh should run it with some duties remaining in the Land & Water office. Lake associations/districts will still need to be present at the boat landings. **Motion by Hennes to design and refine a contract with UW-Oshkosh pertaining to Clean Boats/Clean Waters program by laying out the responsibilities of all 3 organizations, second by Kunde. Discussion. Motion carried.**

Letters and Communications: NRCS report for August was received. (report on file)

Out-of-county travel: Motion by Hennes to approve any out of county travel for August, second by Kunde. Beversdorf possibly to Antigo. **Motion approved.**

Monthly Budget Review: Reviewed and discussed.

Future Meeting Dates/Items: The next regular meeting and public hearing for the LWRM Plan is scheduled for September 4, 2014 at 9am in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521. Kunde to be excused. Beversdorf will be excused for the Oct. 4, 2014 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Beversdorf at 11:15 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: *Gail Kukanich*