

Land & Water Conservation Committee

October 2, 2014

Vice Chairman Kunde called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:45 a.m., on September 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; Art Kunde, Mary Kim Black, Kim Simac, and Paul Hennes and others – Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter Quita Sheehan, Steve Budnick, Fred Heider from NCWRP, Jeremy Irish from USDA and Vernon Wiggenhauser, Co. Board Supervisor.

The following County Board member(s) was excused: Wally Beversdorf.

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 Hennes, second by Black, to approve the minutes from September 4, 2014 of this committee. **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program: Jeremy Irish, USDA, passed out and explained the Wildlife Abatement budget/financial plan for 2015 (copy of contract on file). **Motion by Hennes, seconded by Simac to approve 2015 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program Budget. Motion carried.**

Lake Organizations, ER Unified Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) & Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association (VCLRA):

Agent reports – UWEX: Nothing at this time. **VCLRA:** Shoreland Stewardship Initiative program has started. Budnick explained this program. October 20th meeting will be planning a “celebrate the lakes program” for June 2015. Looking for presenters in the next several months. Lost Lake District meeting will be Oct. 23rd, Hennes will report back. Lost Lake Dam contract is up for renewal. Scholl will bring the contract to the next committee meeting. Little Tamarack flowage group moving along nicely per Kunde. **FSA:** nothing **LWCD:** Ritter gave his monthly report (on file). Sheehan gave her report (on file). Scholl is working on a grant for future funding of Sheehan's position. The grant proposal is due by December 10th. Sheehan's current grant is to end December 31, 2014. Scholl will be working with a phosphorus reduction modeling tool called STEPL over the winter. **NCLWCA:** nothing **WLWCA:** nothing **NRCS:** nothing. **Lumberjack RC&D** – Next meeting will be October 17th. Hennes and Scholl to attend.

2015 Draft Budget: Scholl explained this item. No further cuts proposed for the 2015 budget.

Resolution of the Vilas County Land and Water Conservation Committee Recommending Adoption of the Vilas County Farmland Preservation Plan- Motion by Hennes, seconded by Black to approve Vilas County L&W Conservation presentation for the Farmland Plan. This plan will be forwarded to Zoning and then taken to full County Board. **Motion amended by Hennes, seconded by Black to include any gray text to be included, and to remove “any plotted subdivisions” from the plan criteria.** Black left meeting at 9:55 a.m. Milanowski joined the meeting to explain to the committee the need for resolution draft changes and she will draw up a revised resolution. Only the 3 remaining supervisors voted. Resolution passed by a 2-1 vote, Simac opposed.

Letters and Communications: Nothing at this time.

Out-of-county travel: Motion by Hennes to approve any out of county travel for November,

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second by Simac. Motion approved.

Monthly Budget Review: Reviewed and discussed.

Future Meeting Dates/Items: The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2014 at 9am in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521.

Meeting was adjourned by Kunde at 10:45 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: *Gail Kukanich*