

Land & Water Conservation Committee

November 3, 2014

Chairman Beversdorf called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:01 a.m., on November 3, 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, Mary Kim Black, and Paul Hennes and others – Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter, Quita Sheehan, Steve Budnick, and Matt Peplinski.

The following County Board member(s) was excused: Kim Simac.

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 Black, to approve the minutes from October 2, 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 told the committee that the date for Celebrate the Lakes Day is Friday, June 12, 2015 at the Conserve School.

Hennes reported on the quarterly Lost Lake District meeting. Beversdorf reported on the last meeting for Long Lake.

Agent reports – UWEX: Nothing at this time. **FSA:** Peplinski updated the committee on the FSA annual election, ballots are going out this week and the closing is December 2nd. They will know if we have an FSA rep. here in Vilas County then. **LWCD:** Ritter gave his report (on file). A new Oshkosh coordinator has been hired for the Clean Boats/Clean Water program and things are progressing. Sheehan gave her report (on file). Sheehan discussed doing an Economic Data survey of water quality in Vilas County. Discussion. Scholl reported on working on the Land & Water plan (moving to full county board later this month) and the Farmland Preservation Plan is moving along in the zoning department. Scholl is writing another grant proposal for Lakes and Watersheds Phase 2 that will fund half of Sheehan's salary. **NCLWCA: WLWCA: NRCS: Lumberjack RC&D:** Hennes discussed attending the Oct. 17th meeting in Antigo.

Presentation of the 2015-2024 Land & Water Resource Management Plan: Scholl gave a presentation that she took down to Madison to the state land and water board. This plan will be going to the county board November 12, 2014 for approval.

Resolution Grant Support for Lakes & Watersheds Project – Phase II: Scholl brought the committee up to date on this. **Motion made by Kunde, seconded by Black to support the resolution. Motion carried.** Resolution went around for signatures. This item will be on the next County Board agenda.

Renewal of Lost Lake Dam Maintenance Agreement: Signatures needed. Scholl updated the committee on this agreement. This agreement will be automatically renewed each year, unless either party needs to change it. **Motion to approve agreement made by Hennes seconded by Kunde. Motion carried.**

Supervisor Out of County Travel: Motion made by Hennes to approve any out of county travel. Motion withdrawn since there was no travel requested.

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Monthly Review of Budget: Reviewed and discussed.

Letters and Communications: Scholl updated the committee on the article in the Lakeland Times regarding Ritter and what he has accomplished in the last several years. Staff funding was discussed along with Ritter's impending retirement and re-hiring for his position.

Future Meeting Dates/Items: The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2014 at 9am in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521.

Motion made by Hennes seconded by Kunde to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned by Beversdorf at 10:20 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: *Gail Kukanich*