

**Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC)**  
**Minutes**  
**December 21, 2011**

**1. Call to order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Burow at 8:30 a.m. Committee members Walt Christensen, Ed Morse and Carlton Zentner were also present. County Board Chairman John Molinaro was also present. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Beth Klotz, LWCD; and Dennis Vollmer, NRCS were also in attendance. Scott Zimmerman arrived at 8:43 a.m.

**2. Roll call (establish a quorum):**

A quorum was established.

**3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law:**

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

**4. Election of Vice-Chair position and potential election of Secretary position for the Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Committee due to recent resignation**

Due to the resignation of Greg Torres, the position of Vice-Chair needs to be filled on the Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Committee.

Christensen moved and Burow seconded to elect Carlton Zentner to the Vice-Chair position of the Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Committee. Motion carried.

**5. Review of the December agenda:**

The December agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

**6. Review and approval of the November meeting minutes:**

Christensen made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as written, Burow seconded. Motion carried.

**7. Communications:**

A draft letter was distributed by Watkins for Governor Walker regarding the budget lapse proposal submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to the Department of Administration (DOA). See attached. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

An email was distributed by Watkins from Allen Goldsmith who is a proponent of the Highway 12 by-pass. See attached.

Burow gave a report on the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association conference.

**8. Citizens comments:**

There were no citizen comments.

**9. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report:**

Dennis Vollmer discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. See attached.

**10. Discussion and possible action on proposed Highway Department location on the county farm:**

Molinaro reported that the accounting people have finished their tasks but one of the consultants is not ready with their report. Hopefully they will be ready by January.

**11. Discussion and possible action on information regarding land values**

Same as information in agenda item 10.

**12. Resolution – Highway 12 by-pass route – Walt Christensen**

The Jefferson County Zoning Committee passed the proposed Highway 12 by-pass route resolution that the LWCC forwarded to them. The Jefferson County Highway Committee did not take action on the resolution but are placing this item on their next agenda. The Department of Transportation is willing to meet with groups to discuss this issue.

**13. Cancellation of Notice of Non-Compliance with the Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)**

Wayne Hensler requested to be reinstated in the Farmland Preservation Program.

Zentner moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve Wayne Hensler's Cancellation of Notice of Non-Compliance which will allow him to be reinstated in the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried.

**14. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) financial report:**

Watkins reported that the final reimbursement requests have been made for the contribution agreements and staffing grant.

**15. Set next meeting and possible agenda items:**

It was decided by the members that the next scheduled meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 8:30 in Room 202. Possible agenda items include: Monthly financial report, discussion and possible action on proposed Highway Department location on the county farm, and discussion and possible action on information regarding land values, DATCP staffing grant issue and Highway 12 by-pass route.

**16. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Zimmerman and seconded by Christensen at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried.