

**Land & Water Conservation Committee  
Minutes  
March 20, 2013**

**1. Call to Order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Walt Christensen at 8:32 a.m. Committee members Sarah Bregnant, Matthew Foelker, Carlton Zentner (@ 8:35 a.m.), and Scott Zimmerman (@ 8:34 a.m.) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; John Molinaro, County Board Supervisor; and Dennis Vollmer, NRCS.

**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. Review of the March Agenda:**

The March agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

**5. Review and Approval of the February Meeting Minutes**

Matthew Foelker made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes as written, Sarah Bregnant seconded. Motion carried, 5/0.

**6. Communications**

There were no communications at this time.

**7. Citizen Comments:**

There were no citizen comments.

**8. Introduction of New Staff – Kim Liakopoulos:**

New staff was introduced to the Committee.

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

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

**10. Notice of Noncompliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):**

Noncompliant: Alan B & Jodi L Stout, Whispering Prairie Farms, LLC c/o Alan B & Jodi L Stout  
Voluntary Non-Participation: Donald & Judith Meschke Trust, Eleanor C Rupprecht Trust c/o Margaret A Wendt

Matthew Foelker made a motion to approve the notices as a group, Walt Christensen seconded. Motion carried, 5/0.

**11. Cancellation of Noncompliance – Farmland Preservation Program:**

Robert L McIntyre, John F McNally, Erwin C Poeppel

Matthew Foelker made a motion to approve the notices as a group, Sarah Bregnant seconded. Motion carried, 5/0.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on Highway Facility:**

Update given by John Molinaro. The possibility of asbestos is still under review. The asbestos may or may not be in a service shaft under the building and it may be contained by concrete. The bank is discussing alternative remediation companies. Jefferson County is asking that an escrow account be established to pay for said remediation.

**13. Discussion and Possible Action on Land Values Study:**

Land value study was included in item #12.

**14. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) Financial Report**

The 2012 Year End financial statement was slightly above budget as a direct result of grant reductions. Mark Watkins indicated the overage was approximately \$6,000.

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

It was decided by the members that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee will be held on April 17, 2013 at 8:30 in Room 202.

**16. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Matthew Foelker and seconded by Sarah Bregnant at 9:18 a.m. Motion carried, 5/0.