

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

**1. Call to Order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Walt Christensen at 8:30 a.m. Committee members Sarah Bregant, Walt Christensen, Matthew Foelker, Carlton Zentner (@ 8:40), and Scott Zimmerman were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; 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 November Agenda:**

The November agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

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

Matt Foelker made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes as written, Walt Christensen seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

**6. Communications**

There were no communications at this time.

**7. Citizen Comments:**

There were no citizen comments.

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

Dennis Vollmer discussed the NRCS report. See attached. Changes will be made to EQIP. A screening tool will be put in place to prioritize and make sure the permitting is in place by the landowners.

**9. 5 year WDACP Cooperative Agreement - Mark Watkins**

See attached. Mark Watkins asked to put this item on hold until the December meeting. Dave Terrell from USDA Wildlife Services would like to be here to discuss the agreement with the committee. Matt Foelker made a motion to hold this item until December, Scott Zimmerman seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

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

G5 CHS, LLC, c/o Robert Grasser, Michael A Gudenkauf, Ivan & Nancy Hollenberger Trust, Roger & Christine Kutz, William L Laird, Robert & Mary Langer, Steven & Tammy Maas, LeRoy Scheel, Maryela Schlem, Michael A Stade, Stroup Farm, LLP c/o Phillip J Stroup, William & Susan Stroup

Matt Foelker made a motion to accept the notices, Sarah Bregant seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Voluntary Non-Participation - Keith Melahn

Scott Zimmerman made a motion to accept the voluntary non-participation, Matt Foelker seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

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

None at this time.

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

The most recent statements of revenues and expenditures were distributed. See attached. Mark Watkins indicated that we are right on track with our budget.

**13. 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 December 18, 2013 at 8:30 in Room 112. Possible agenda items include: Items #8 - #12 and a Non-Metallic Mining Update by Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD.

**14. Adjournment**

Scott Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 a.m., Sarah Bregant seconded. Motion carried 5/0.