

Land & Water Conservation Committee
Minutes
March 19, 2014

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Walt Christensen at 8:32 a.m. Committee members Frank Anfang, Sarah Bregant, Walt Christensen, and Matthew Foelker were present. Carlton Zentner was excused. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Nancy Lannert, LWCD; Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; and John Molinaro, County Board Chairman/Supervisor. Dennis Vollmer, NRCS was absent.

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:

Sarah Bregant made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes as written, Matt Foelker seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

6. Communications:

There were no communications at this time.

7. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

8. Biomass Production on County Land: Greg David

Walt Christensen requested the committee move this item closer to the end of the meeting. The committee agreed to change it to Item # 16.

9. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

See attached. Dennis Vollmer was absent.

10. Farmland Preservation / Working Lands Report: Nancy Lannert

Nancy Lannert discussed the Farmland Preservation Program and Working Lands Initiative. See attached.

11. Notice of Noncompliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

Voluntary Non-Participation: Mary Adams, John I & Sally L Mason, Steven & Christine Mason and, Bonnie Willson

Sarah Bregant made a motion to accept the voluntary non-participation notices, Matt Foelker seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

12. Cancellation of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

Norbert Miller Trust

Walt Christensen made a motion to accept the cancellation, Sarah Bregant seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

13. Non-Metallic Mining Legislations: Walt Christensen

Walt Christensen attended a discussion in Madison in regard to Bill SB632. The bill is at a standstill at this time. Walt Christensen will keep the committee updated as more information is available.

14. WLWCA Resolutions Given at Annual Convention: Mark Watkins

Both Mark Watkins and Walt Christensen attended the convention. See attached resolutions.

15. DATCP's Response to Final Revisions of the Animal Waste Storage Ordinance: Mark Watkins

No official response at this time. The revisions are in process with DATCP.

16. Moved from Item # 8: Greg David

Greg David gave a presentation introducing the committee to Biomass. See attached. No action needs to be taken at this point. Biomass will be discussed again during the April meeting.

17. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) Financial Report: Mark Watkins

The most recent statements of revenues and expenditures were distributed. See attached. Mark Watkins showed that LWCD is right on track with the budget.

18. 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 16, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 112. Possible agenda items include: Resolution for Biomass.

19. Adjournment

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 a.m., Matt Foelker seconded. Motion carried 4/0.