

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

July 16, 2014

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:02 am. Committee members Frank Anfang, Matt Foelker, Ed Morse, and Carlton Zentner were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Patricia Cicero, LWCD; Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; Jim Schroeder, County Board Chairman; and Dennis Vollmer, NRCS. Peter Hartz was excused.

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 July Agenda:

The July agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

5. Review and Approval of the June 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes as written, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

6. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

7. Communications:

a. Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) Report:

See attached.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

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

9. Non-Metallic Mining Program Overview:

Gerry Kokkonen (LWCD) discussed the Non-Metallic Mining Program. See attached.

10. Farmland Conservation Easement Commission (FCEC) Transition:

Mark Watkins discussed the LWCD taking over most of the daily operations for the FCEC from the Planning & Zoning Department. We're already 75% involved with the program and are going to be adding administrative support. Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator, will be rewriting the Enabling County Resolution to transfer authority from Planning & Zoning to the LWCD.

11. Authorization to Apply for the Rock Lake Shoreland Assessment Grant:

Patricia Cicero spoke to the committee in regard to authorization to apply for the grant. See attached.

Ed Morse made a motion to authorize the LWCD to apply for the grant, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 3/1 (Carlton Zentner opposed).

12. Budget Request for 2015:

Mark Watkins discussed the upcoming 2015 Budget.

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

Voluntary Waiver - Anthony G Milbrath

Carlton Zentner made a motion to accept the notice of noncompliance, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

14. Cancellation of Noncompliance – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

None at this time.

15. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) Financial Report:

The most recent statements of revenues and expenditures were distributed. See attached.

16. 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 August 20, 2014 at 8:00 am in Room 112. Possible agenda items include: 2015 Budget, WD Hoard manure pit update, Joe Strupp, LWCD will discuss NR 151.

17. Adjournment

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:16 am, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 4/0.