

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

August 20, 2014

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:02 am. Committee members Frank Anfang, Matthew Foelker, Peter Hartz, and Ed Morse were present. Carlton Zentner was excused. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Joe Strupp, LWCD; Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator (@ 8:25); Dennis Vollmer, NRCS; and Zack Thayer, NRCS Volunteer.

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 August Agenda:

The August agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

5. Review and Approval of the July 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Pete Hartz made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes as written, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

6. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

7. Communications:

- a. Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Report. See attached.
- b. Letter to the LWCD from Jack Horbal, in regard to the LWCD Annual Tree Sale. See attached.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

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

9. NR 151 Overview - Joe Strupp (LWCD):

Joe Strupp discussed Wisconsin's Runoff Rules with the committee. See attached.

10. 2015 Budget - Mark Watkins (LWCD):

Mark Watkins discussed the 2015 Budget request with the committee. See attached. Ed Morse spoke about the County Farm Rent and asked Mark Watkins if the county was going to make the land surrounding the new highway shop available for rent. Mark Watkins said that we don't know, at this time, how the land will be laid out or if it will be cropable. Mark Watkins said that there may be about 20-22 acres, but we won't know what shape that land will be in for some time.

11. Southern Area Association (SAA) Tour Report:

Ed Morse spoke to the committee about the SAA Tour. Ed Morse said he found the tour to be very interesting, enjoyable, and he's happy he was able to attend. Ed Morse asked Mark Watkins to discuss the possibility of Agricultural Plastics Recycling with the committee at the next committee meeting.

12. Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program Discussion:

Mark Watkins discussed the possibility of recycling these plastics. See attached. Mark Watkins voiced his concerns in regard to the cost involved in bringing this type of program to Jefferson County. If we could work with another county or counties this would help with the cost. Mark Watkins suggested we revisit this item and ask Sharon Ehrhardt, Solid Waste/Zoning Program Assistant, to join the meeting next month to discuss this further.

13. WD Hoard Manure Pit Update - Mark Watkins (LWCD):

Mark Watkins brought the committee up to speed on the status of the Hoard Pit. Mark Watkins told the committee that the LWCD is monitoring the situation and testing takes place every 45 days. Mark Watkins will update the committee as new information is available.

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

None at this time.

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

None at this time.

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

The most recent statements of revenues and expenditures were distributed. Mark Watkins said the budget is progressing as planned. See attached.

17. 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 September 17, 2014 at 8:00 am in Room 112. Possible agenda items include: Agriculture Plastics Recycling information from Sharon Ehrhardt, Hoard's Manure Pit update.

18. Adjournment

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:19 am, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 4/0.