

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

December 17, 2014

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:00 am. Committee members Frank Anfang, Matthew Foelker, Peter Hartz, Ed Morse, and Carlton Zentner were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); and Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD. 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 December Agenda:

The December agenda was reviewed by the committee members. No changes were proposed.

5. Review and Approval of the November 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Carlton Zentner made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as written, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

6. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) December 2014 Report. See attached.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

No report at this time. Dennis Vollmer was absent.

9. Departmental Electronic Newsletter Update:

Mark Watkins spoke about adding a newsletter link to the LWCD website. The change from paper to electronic saved the department approximately \$1,500 this year. Notification of the change was communicated in the local Jefferson County papers.

10. Electrical Power for the 6 Bay Garage Storage Update:

Mark Watkins - Nothing new at this time.

11. Annual Department Vehicle Use Report:

Mark Watkins - See attached.

12. Cropland at the Highway Shop Update:

Mark Watkins - Nothing new at this time.

13. Hoard's Dairyman Facility Update:

Mark Watkins - See attached.

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

Dennis Stilling

Carlton Zentner made a motion to accept the notice, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

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

Philip & Dea Creanza, Mitch DeGolier, and Gary, David & Norman Paust

Frank Anfang made a motion to accept the cancellations, Peter Hartz seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

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

The most recent statements of revenues and expenditures were distributed. 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 February 18, 2015 at 8:00 in Room 112. Possible agenda items include: Items # 8, 10, 12-16

Frank Anfang made a motion to forgo the January meeting, Peter Hartz seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

18. Adjournment

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 am, Carlton Zentner seconded. Motion carried 5/0.