

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

February 18, 2015

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); 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 February Agenda:

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

5. Review and Approval of the December 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes as written, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

6. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) February 2015 Report. See attached.
- WI Land + Water Annual Conference

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Dennis Vollmer discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. Nothing new to report at this time. Dennis Vollmer has been helping the Rock County area the past few months.

9. Land & Water Resource Management Plan Extension Approval:

Mark Watkins asked the committee to approve an extension of the Land & Water Resource Management Plan to be submitted to the Land & Water Board in August. The plan has been approved by the County Board for 10 years but the Land & Water Board will only approve 5 years at a time which is why Mark Watkins is requesting extension approval.

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

10. Department of Natural Resources Lake Management Grant Status:

Mark Watkins informed the committee that the grant was successful the DNR has confirmed that it will be funded.

11. Preliminary 2014 LWCD Year End:

Mark Watkins added item #16 to item #11. The LWCD has completed 2014 just under budget.

12. Cropland at the Highway Shop Update:

Nothing new at this time.

13. Hoard's Dairyman Facility Update:

Nothing new at this time.

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

Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance - Bernard Kleiber Trust

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

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

Kristine G Wilke Trust, LeRoy Scheel Trust, Dennis Stilling

Pete Hartz made a motion to accept the notices, Frank Anfang 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 March 18, 2015 at 8:00 in Room 112.

18. Adjournment

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 am, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 5/0.