

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

July 15, 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, and Ed Morse were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; and Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator (departed @ 8:25). Carlton Zentner 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 July Agenda:

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

5. Review and Approval of the June 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the June 17, 2015 meeting minutes as written, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

6. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) July Report. See attached.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

There was no report at this time.

9. Discussion of Potential Cropland Areas at the New Highway Facility:

Mark Watkins showed the committee a map of cropland that remains outside the new highway facility footprint. With the costs associated in bringing the land back into production, the committee decided not to pursue the 3 acres that are left. This item will be removed from future agendas.

10. Potential Permit Fee Surcharge in Support of the Farmland Preservation Easements Update:

Mark Watkins spoke to the committee about revenue streams the Farmland Commission will peruse rather than permit fee surcharges.

11. Review of Non-Metallic Mining Fees:

Gerry Kokkonen discussed the non-metallic mining fees in Jefferson County which have remained unchanged since 2002. Gerry Kokkonen proposed a change in these fees in keeping with other counties non-metallic mining fees and inflation. See attached.

Frank Anfang made a motion to increase fees, not to exceed the maximum limit allowed, for the 2016 Budget, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

12. Review of 2016 - 2020 Land & Water Management Plan Update:

Mark Watkins showed the committee the power point presentation that will be submitted to the Land & Water Board in August outlining the plan update.

13. Hoard's Dairyman Facility Update:

Mark Watkins updated the committee on the Hoard's Facility; at this time everything is working within acceptable parameters per the weekly testing reports.

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

Voluntary - Patrick & Lori Long

Frank Anfang made a motion to accept the notice, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

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

None at this time.

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

The most recent statements of revenues and expenditures (May) 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 August 19, 2015 at 8:00 in Room 112. Possible agenda items include: Items # 7 - # 8 and # 10 - # 17

18. Adjournment

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:03 am, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 4/0.