

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

October 21, 2015

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:00 am. Committee members Matthew Foelker (Chair), Vacant (Vice Chair), Peter Hartz (Secretary), Ed Morse (Member), Gregg Patrick (Member) (@ 8:04), and Frank Anfang (FSA Rep) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Patricia Cicero, LWCD; Jim Schroeder, County Board Chairman; Dave Terrell, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services; and Tom Steinbach, City of Oconomowoc Waste Water.

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. Approval of the October Agenda:

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

5. Approval of the September 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Pete Hartz made a motion to approve the September 16, 2015 meeting minutes as written, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

6. Elect a New Vice Chair:

Pete Hartz made a motion to elect Ed Morse as Vice Chairman, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 4/0. Ed Morse is the new Vice Chairman.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) October Report. See attached.
- New Employee Training at DATCP in Madison on November 12. See attached.
- Thank you letter from Jack Horbal in regard to the Annual Tree Sale.

8. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on 2016 Wildlife Damage Abatement Budget - Dave Terrell:

Dave Terrell gave the committee a rundown of the 2016 Wildlife Damage Abatement Budget. See attached. Frank Anfang made a motion to accept the budget as listed, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on 2015 Crop Prices for Wildlife Abatement Damage - Dave Terrell:

Dave Terrell spoke to the committee in regard to the USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services Annual Budget. See attached. After a short discussion, the committee agreed the prices were a fair average. Frank Anfang made a motion to accept the numbers as listed, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

11. Discussion on the Oconomowoc Adaptive Management Program - Tom Steinbach:

Tom Steinbach from the City of Oconomowoc gave a power point presentation illustrating the Adaptive Management Program of the Oconomowoc Watershed. The committee will review participation at the next LWCC Meeting.

12. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Since there is no NRCS presence in Jefferson County at this time, a report was unavailable.

13. Discussion on Agricultural Plastic Recycling - LaVern Georgson, UW Extension:

LaVern Georgson is working with a company out of Arkansas in regard to Ag plastic recycling. The company has encountered a problem with the product they're producing, is working on a solution, and will update Jefferson County as soon as they have a fix.

14. Discussion on Avian Flu:

LaVern Georgson, DATCP, and some Jefferson County department heads had a workshop to provide information to the residences of Jefferson County. The workshop was well attended and well received.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

There were no notices.

16. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellations of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP:

David Hubbard - Pete Hartz made a motion to accept the notice, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

17. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (August):

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

18. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: # 11 - 12, # 15 - 18

19. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- November 18, 2015 @ 8:00 in Room 112

20. Adjournment

Gregg Patrick made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 am, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 4/0.