

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

February 17, 2016

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:00 am. Committee members Matthew Foelker (Chair), Ed Morse (Vice Chair), Peter Hartz (Secretary), Gregg Patrick (Member), and Frank Anfang (FSA Rep) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; and Blair Ward, County Corporation Counsel.

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 February Agenda:

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

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

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the December 16, 2015 meeting minutes as written, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

6. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) January & February Reports. See attached.

7. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

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

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

Dave Terrall asked the committee to approve David Hughes wildlife damage claim. See attached. Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the claim, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Snowmobile Access on the Jefferson County Farm:

Mark Watkins presented an outdated resolution in regards to snowmobile trails on the County Farm. Since the highway shop has taken a large portion of the land that the trails were on, a new resolution will need to be drafted. Blair Ward, County Corporation Counsel, will write up a resolution draft with information from LWCD and bring it to the next LWCC meeting for input and approval.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Participation with the Watertown Adaptive Management Program:

Nothing new to report at this time.

12. Discussion on Hoard's Dairyman Manure Pit:

Mark Watkins informed the committee that the Hoard Pit is shut down, the inlets are capped, and the valves locked. The manure is being temporarily stored in the sand separator. Land application is being done in accordance with their Nutrient Management Plan (NMP). Hoard's has expressed interest in another repair.

13. Discussion on New Goat Dairy in Lake Mills:

Mark Watkins discussed the possible new dairy in Lake Mills. The livestock siting application was approved by LWCD on Monday February 15, 2016.

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

None at this time.

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

Timothy & Amy Dettmann

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

16. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (November):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures (November) was distributed. See attached.

17. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Item # 10 - 17

18. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- March 16, 2016 @ 8:00 in Room 112

19. Adjournment

Gregg Patrick made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 am, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 5/0.