

# Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

## June 15, 2016

### 1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:00 am. Committee members Matthew Foelker (Chair), Peter Hartz (Secretary), Gregg Patrick (Member), Laura Payne (Member), Frank Anfang (FSA Rep), and Margaret Burlingham (Public Member) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; and Tom Portle, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Non-Metallic Mining NR 135 (@ 8:25 am). Ed Morse (Vice Chair) 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. Approval of the June Agenda:

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

### 5. Approval of the May 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the May 18, 2016 meeting minutes as written, Laura Payne seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

### 6. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) (June) Report. See attached.
- CREP Perpetual Easements Guidelines. See attached.

### 7. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

### 8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Mark Watkins informed the Committee of a new hire for the Jefferson County NRCS. Kathy Turner started 6/13/16 and will be in Jefferson County 2 days a week. Mark Watkins will contact Kathy Turner and request her presence at the monthly LWCC meetings.

### 9. Discussion on Non-Metallic Mining and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Mapping:

Gerry Kokkonen along with Tom Portle gave an overview of Non-Metallic Mining NR 135. See attached. Gerry Kokkonen also provided a summary of his role and the utilization of GIS within the LWCD and other County departments.

### 10. Discussion on Hoard's Dairyman Manure Pit:

Nothing new to report at this time. The pit has been empty since January 2016. Mark Watkins will keep in contact with Hoard's and monitor the groundwater testing reports.

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

There were no notices at this time.

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

There were no cancellations at this time.

**13. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (April):**

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures (April) was distributed. See attached. Pete Hartz requested adding a line item to the 2017 Budget Request as a place holder for Adaptive Management. Mark Watkins will follow up.

**14. Discussion on Federal Reimbursements for the Wilke Easement:**

Mark Watkins and Gerry Kokkonen have completed the necessary paperwork for Federal reimbursement of Greg Wilke's easement. Mark Watkins and Gerry Kokkonen are in contact with NRCS to finalize the payment to Jefferson County.

**15. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) Applications - Cliff Haberman, Town of Milford:**

Haberman Easement deadline is 7/31/2016. Gerry Kokkonen submitted a report and map. See attached.

**16. Discussion on Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Report on Baseline Documentation for Easements:**

Gerry Kokkonen submitted a report and map. See attached.

**17. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:**

Possible agenda items include: Items # 8, 10-16. High capacity wells, Adaptive Management, Protection of the Jefferson County Marsh, Groundwater Protection Plan, 2017 Budget Request.

**18. Next Scheduled Meeting:**

- July 20, 2016 @ 8:00 in Room 112

**19. Adjournment**

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:13 am, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 6/0.