

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

July 20, 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) (@ 8:10), 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; Patricia Cicero, LWCD; Nancy Lannert, LWCD; and Kathy Turner, Natural Resource Conservation Service (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. Approval of the July Agenda:

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

5. Approval of the June 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Laura Payne made a motion to approve the June 15, 2016 meeting minutes as written, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

6. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) July 2016 Report. See attached.

7. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Introduction of the new NRCS District Conservationist, Kathy Turner. Kathy Turner will be working a compressed schedule in Jefferson County. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report including CSP and CRP re-enrollments was presented.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Operational Agreement between United States Department of Agriculture, NRCS, and Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Committee:

The proposed Operational agreement was presented by Mark Watkins. See attached. After a brief discussion Frank Anfang made a motion to sign the Operational Agreement between United States Department of Agriculture, NRCS, and Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Committee & Department, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

10. Discussion on Hoard's Dairyman Manure Pit:

Mark Watkins updated the committee on Hoard's Dairyman Manure pit. There isn't a repair plan in place and the pit remains idle. A new repair plan is anticipated for the site and will be presented when available.

11. Discussion and Possible action on the Jefferson County Potter's Field Landmark Designation:

The Jefferson County Historical Sites Commission spoke with Mark Watkins in regard to making Potter's Field a local landmark. Gregg Patrick made a motion to accept the recommendation to make Jefferson County

Potter's Field a local landmark through the Jefferson County Historical Sites Commission, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 7/0. Ed Morse will convey the LWCC's position at the next Historic Sites Commission meeting.

12. Discussion on Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Oconomowoc and Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department and Committee:

Patricia Cicero spoke to the committee about the memorandum. See attached. Ed Morse made a motion to accept the memorandum, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

13. Discussion on Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) - Nancy Lannert:

Nancy Lannert gave a report to the committee in regard to the Farmland Preservation Program. See attached.

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

Larry & Debra Braatz, John & Beverly Hachtel, Susan Halser, Halser Farm Enterprise, Inc, Helen, Charles & Thomas Jacobson, Donald & Kathleen Kleckner, Robert & Herta Laatsch, Richard & Marlene Schroedl, John Spangler, Luke Wiedenfeld, David Zoellick

Frank Anfang made a motion to accept the notices, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

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

There were no cancellations at this time.

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

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures (May) was distributed. See attached. Mark Watkins informed the committee that the 2017 Budget request is almost complete and will be brought to the August meeting for committee review.

17. Discussion on Federal Reimbursement for the Wilke Easement:

Mark Watkins - LWCD received Federal Reimbursement for the Wilke easement. The Wilke easement is now complete. Monitoring of the easement will be ongoing.

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

Mark Watkins - Cliff Haberman's easement is on track. NRCS has a few minor changes to the deed language and Gerry Kokkonen is working with them to get Haberman's easement language finalized. Closing of the easement to follow.

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

Mark Watkins - All easements are meeting standards. LWCD will continue to monitor.

20. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: #8, #10, #14 - 16, #18 - 20, NR 151, High Capacity Wells

21. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- August 17, 2016 @ 8:00 in Room 112

22. Adjournment

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 am, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 7/0.