

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

May 17, 2017

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:05 am. Committee members Matthew Foelker (Chair), Ed Morse (Vice Chair), Peter Hartz (Secretary), Gregg Patrick (Member), Lloyd Zastrow (Member), and Frank Anfang (FSA Rep) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD), and Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD. Margaret Burlingham (Public Member) was excused.

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 May Agenda:

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

5. Approval of the April 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Ed Morse made a motion to approve the April 19, 2017 meeting minutes as written, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

6. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) May 2017 Report. See attached.

7. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

NRCS didn't attend the meeting therefore a report was unavailable.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on a Master DATCP Contract That Will Cover 2017 and Future Allocations:

Mark Watkins discussed the first item listed on the DATCP May 2017 Report (see #6 Soil and Water Resource Management Grants, bullet point 2). Gregg Patrick made a motion to designate the County Conservationist as the person to receive notices under the new master contract system, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

10. Discussion on LWCD Annual Tree Sale Report:

Mark Watkins discussed the LWCD Annual Tree Sale Report. See attached.

11. Discussion on Hoard's Dairyman Pit:

Mark Watkins has been in contact with the engineers hired by Hoards to remedy the situation with the pit. There isn't a plan in place yet. The labs have indicated a significant improvement with contamination in the outflow water since the pit has been closed.

12. Discussion on LWCD Directors May 2017 Report:

Mark Watkins discussed the LWCD Director's Report. See attached.

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

There were no notices at this time.

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

There were no cancellations at this time.

15. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (March):

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

16. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) Applications:

The LWCD prepared and sent out an application and informational package to an interested party in Lake Mills. Mark Watkins will brief the committee with any further information.

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

Monitoring of current easements with State NRCS office will begin the week of May 21, 2017. All baseline documentation is current.

18. Jefferson County Dairy Breakfast (May 20, 2017 @ Jefferson County Fair Grounds):

The LWCD sent a sponsorship fee and Farmland Easement logo to the Dairy Breakfast organizers. The logo will be featured on all volunteer t-shirts. Margaret Burlingham will set up a display at the breakfast featuring Farmland Easement information. P.A.C.E. brochures will be distributed.

19. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Items 8, 11-17, DATCP Staffing Grant, High Capacity Wells, NR151 Updates.

20. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- June 21, 2017 @ 8:00 in Room 202

21. Adjournment

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 am, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 6/0.