

# **Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes**

## **August 16, 2017**

**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), Lloyd Zastrow (Member), and Margaret Burlingham (Public Member) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); and Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD. Frank Anfang (FSA Rep) 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 August Agenda:**

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

**5. Approval of the July 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes:**

Lloyd Zastrow made a motion to approve the July 19, 2017 meeting minutes as written, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

**6. Public Comment:**

Item #9 Animal Waste - Manure Discharge/Complaints. Please elaborate.

**7. Communications:**

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

**8. Discussion on and Introduction of Wildlife Biologist Sam Jonas - Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources:**

Mark Watkins introduced Sam Jonas to the committee. Sam Jonas outlined his position within the Wisconsin DNR where he in part, monitors game species.

**9. Discussion on LWCD Director's August 2017 Report:**

Mark Watkins discussed a Manure Runoff Complaint that was submitted anonymously. Additional details were discussed. Mark Watkins also referred to the receipt of funds for the Staffing and Operations Grant.

**10. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:**

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

**11. Discussion on Hoard Dairyman Facility:**

The LWCD is in contact with Hoard's and their engineers. Hoard's have submitted the new application. When the plans for the new pit have been determined to be complete they will be advanced to the Planning & Zoning Committee for full approval.

**12. Discussion on Potters Field Authorities:**

Mark Watkins informed the Committee - LWCC will keep authority of the Potter's Field and all requests will continue to go through the LWCC.

**13. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): Voluntary;** Joan Latsch, Glennis Zastrow

Margaret Burlingham made a motion to accept the notices, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

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

There were no cancellations.

**15. Discussion on the LWCD Preliminary 2018 Budget Request:**

Mark Watkins - The Budget request is on track for 2018. The LWCD request is flat with the exception of wages and health insurance.

**16. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (June):**

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

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

No new applications at this time.

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

Nothing new at this time.

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

Possible agenda items include: #9-11, 13-19, Information on Foxconn

**20. Next Scheduled Meeting:**

- September 20, 2017 @ 8:00 in Room 112

**21. Adjournment**

Gregg Patrick made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 am, Lloyd Zastrow seconded. Motion carried 6/0.