

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

September 20, 2017

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Ed Morse at 8:00 am. Committee members Ed Morse (Vice Chair), Peter Hartz (Secretary), and Gregg Patrick (Member) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; and Nancy Lannert, LWCD. Committee members Matthew Foelker (Chair), Lloyd Zastrow (Member), Margaret Burlingham (Public Member) were absent.

2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum):

A quorum was established @ 8:10 when Frank Anfang (FSA Rep) arrived.

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 September Agenda:

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

5. Approval of the August 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the August 16, 2017 meeting minutes as written, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

6. Public Comment:

Comment on conference (#7). Information may be available if any Committee members attend.
Comment on CAFO noncompliance information sent to LWCD.
Comment on what role the LWCD has with NR151.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) September 2017 Report. See attached.
- Food, Land and Water Conference - October 16,17

8. Discussion on LWCD Director's September 2017 Report:

Mark Watkins discussed the September 2017 Directors Report. See attached.

9. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

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

10. Discussion on Potter's Field:

Mark Watkins - Additional improvements have been made to the Potter's Field. A bench has been installed by the County Parks Department that was donated by the County Solid Waste Department. The County Parks Department also did some landscaping around the bench. The LWCD is working on additional information that will be posted at the entrance to the Potter's Field.

11. Discussion on Hoard Dairyman Facility:

Mark Watkins - The County Zoning Department approved Hoard's amendment to their existing conditional permit. It includes the alternative use of the existing storage facility as a fresh water catch basin and the required documentation on its replacement. Everything is on track and construction of the new facility may start as early as next week.

12. Discussion on Foxconn:

Mark Watkins - This item will be revisited with the full committee at the next meeting when more information is available.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Moldenhauer Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Perpetual Easement:

Nancy Lannert submitted a revision to Moldenhauer's CREP Perpetual Easement. Frank Anfang made a motion to accept the revision, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Notice of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): Voluntary - Wayne Hensler

Gregg Patrick made a motion to accept the notice, Peter Hartz seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance - FPP:

Richard C. Shirley A. Pfeifer Trust

Gregg Patrick made a motion to accept the notice, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

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

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

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

There are no new applications at this time.

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

Mark Watkins - Everything is on track and wrapped up for the season.

19. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Items 8, 9, 11, 12, 14 - 18, Discussion on County Farm lease, Kirsten Jurcek - Glacierland RC&D

20. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- October 18, 2017 @ 8:00 in Room 112

21. Adjournment

Gregg Patrick made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 am, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 4/0.