

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

November 15, 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) (@ 8:10), Gregg Patrick (Member) (@ 8:05), Lloyd Zastrow (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; Nancy Lannert, LWCD; and Joe Strupp, LWCD.

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. Review of the November Agenda:

The November agenda was reviewed by the committee members. The committee moved Item #13 to #8 to accommodate a member of the public.

5. Approval of the October 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the October 18, 2017 meeting minutes as written, Margaret Burlingham seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

6. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

7. Communications:

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

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): Douglas K Huseh, Richard & Janet Voeltz, Dinah L Wallace - Wallace Trust

Douglas K Huseh contested his Notice. The committee reviewed all the information of the case and agreed late fee was justified. Frank Anfang made a motion requiring Douglas Huseh to pay his Annual Certification fee with the accrued late fees, Lloyd Zastrow seconded. Motion carried 7/0. Douglas Huseh agreed to pay his Annual Certification, with the accrued late fees of \$75.00 at the close of today's meeting. After receipt of payment Mr. Huseh was not issued a Notice of Non-Compliance.

Frank Anfang made a motion to accept the 2 remaining notices, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

9. Discussion on Glacierland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) - Kirsten Jurcek:

Kirsten Jurcek did not attend the meeting. Mark Watkins will try to contact and reschedule.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on County Farm Lease High Bid:

Jefferson County LWCD received the bid for the County Farm. Jeff Gerner was the sole bidder for the County Farm lease at \$290.25 per acre. Lloyd Zastrow made a motion to accept the bid and forward the lease to the County Board December meeting for approval, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

11. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

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

12. Discussion on LWCD Director's November 2017 Report:

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

13. Discussion on Hoard's Dairyman Facility:

Mark Watkins updated the committee on the new basin construction. Everything is going well and is one week ahead of schedule. Contamination levels from the previous basin's outflow pipe are down to 2 mg/l from almost 600 mg/l. Hoard's is completing the closing of the inlet pipes to the previous basin.

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

Were granted for Donald J & Kathleen A Kleckner Trust, James & Adela Koch Trust, R&W Ventures
Margaret Burlingham made a motion to accept the notices, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

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

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

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

Applications: There are no new applications at this time. Margaret Burlingham will attend the Wisconsin Agri-Services Association meeting December 7, 2017 and provide Jefferson County PACE information.

17. Discussion on Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Report on Baseline Documentation for Easements: Baseline Documentation has been completed for the year.

18. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Item #8, 10-17

19. Next Scheduled Meeting:

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

20. Adjournment:

Gregg Patrick made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 am, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 7/0.