

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

February 21, 2018

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), Frank Anfang (FSA Rep) (Anfang exited the meeting @ 8:30), 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; Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; Dave Terrall, USDA Wildlife Services; and Kirsten Jurcek, Glacierland Resource Conservation & Development.

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 February Agenda:

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

5. Approval of the December 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the December 20, 2017 meeting minutes as written, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

6. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) January & February 2018 Reports. See attached.
- Draft Resolution - Amending Land Information Plan to Include Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program. See attached.
- Blair Ward, Jefferson County Corporation Counsel, gave a short summary to inform the Committee of the offer to purchase land along Highway A. Since this is still in negotiation very little detail is available.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Animal Damage Claims & Harvest Exemptions - Dave Terrall:

Dave Terrall discussed the Jefferson County Wildlife Damage Program 2017 Claim Summary. Gregg Patrick made a motion to accept the claim and the Harvest Waiver Exemption as recommended by Dave Terrall, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

9. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Kathy Turner sent paperwork for the Jefferson County Conservation Stewardship Program and Cover Crops. See attached.

10. Discussion on Glacierland Resource Conservation & Development - Kirsten Jurcek:

Kristen Jurcek discussed grazing as a sustainable farming method. See attached. Gregg Patrick made a motion to allow LWCD staff to participate in field days and workshops to promote grazing as a sustainable farming method, Lloyd Zastrow seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

11. Discussion on LWCD January & February 2018 Directors Report:

Mark Watkins discussed the January & February 2018 Directors Reports. See Attached.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on DNR Healthy Lakes Grant:

Patricia Cicero discussed obtaining a cost share grant from the DNR for the purpose of implementing healthy lake practices on the shores of Rock Lake. See attached. Peter Hartz made a motion to authorize the Healthy Lakes Grant, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

13. Discussion on 2017 Non-Metallic Mining Report:

Gerry Kokkonen outlined the 2017 Non-Metallic Mining Program. See attached.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on 2018 Land+Water Conservation Board Elections & Annual Conference:

The committee reviewed the Land+Water Conservation Board Candidate Bio's. After a committee discussion, Ed Morse made a motion to vote for Carl T. Chenoweth, Russell Rindsig, and David Solin, Margaret Burlingham seconded. Motion carried 6/0. The ballot will be submitted to the Land+Water Conservation Board at the 2018 Land+Water Conference in March.

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

Voluntary Notice - Roger & Ann Weilbacher

Lloyd Zastrow made a motion to accept the notice, Peter Hartz seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

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

There were no cancellations at this time.

17. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (Preliminary December):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures (Preliminary December) was discussed. The LWCD was under budget for 2017.

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

The Land & Water Conservation Department received one PACE application. See attached. Because of the Jefferson County application ranking score it would not be eligible for Federal funding.

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

Nothing to report on baselines at this time.

20. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Hoard's Dairyman Update

21. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- March 21, 2018 @ 8:00 in Room 112.

22. Adjournment:

Lloyd Zastrow made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 am, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 6/0.