

# **Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes**

## **July 18, 2018**

**1. Call to Order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:06 am. Committee members Matthew Foelker (Chairperson), Dan Herbst (UWEX Member), Mike Kelly (UWEX 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; Joe Strupp, LWCD; and Cody Calkins, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Walt Christensen (Vice-Chairperson) was excused and Ed Morse (Secretary) 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. Review of the July Agenda:**

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

**5. Approval of the June 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes:**

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the June 20, 2018 meeting minutes as written, Margaret Burlingham seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

**6. Public Comment:**

A member of the public requested a change to the 06.20.18 meeting minutes. Dan Herbst made a motion to revisit the minutes at the next LWCC meeting, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

**7. Communications:**

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) July 2018 Report.
- Thank You letter from the Jefferson County Dairy Breakfast.
- Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee Elections.

**8. Discussion on Ranger Power - Solar Presentation: Andrew Hamilton:**

Jeff Rauh, Andrew Hamilton, and Sharifa Dunn from Ranger Power were in attendance. Andrew Hamilton gave a power point presentation on solar energy and talked to the committee about their plans for Jefferson County. Discussion followed.

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

Cody Calkins gave an outline of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs currently underway and answered committee questions.

**10. Discussion on LWCD July 2018 Director's Report:**

Mark Watkins discussed the July 2018 Director's Report.

**11. Discussion on Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) & Conservation Reserve Enhancement**

**Program (CREP):** Nancy Lannert gave an overview of the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), and answered committee questions.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):** There were no notices at this time.

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

There were no cancellations at this time.

**14. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (May):**

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures (May) was distributed.

**15. Discussion on 2019 Budget:**

Mark Watkins discussed the 2019 Budget Request and distributed a draft outline.

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

**Applications:** There are no applications at this time.

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

**Easements:** Gerry Kokkonen is compiling monitoring reports per baseline document.

**18. Discussion on Southern Area Association (SAA) Summer Tour in Dodge County:**

Mark Watkins distributed registration information for the SAA Summer Tour.

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

Possible agenda items include: request to revise 06.20.18 LWCC meeting minutes

**20. Next Scheduled Meeting:**

- August 15, 2018 @ 8:00 in Room 112

**21. Adjournment:**

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 am, Dan Herbst seconded. Motion carried 5/0.