

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

August 15, 2018

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:00 am. Committee members Matthew Foelker (Chairperson), Walt Christensen (Vice-Chairperson), Ed Morse (Secretary), Dan Herbst (UWEX Member), Mike Kelly (UWEX Member), and Frank Anfang (FSA Rep) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; and Cody Calkins, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Margaret Burlingham (Public Member) was excused.

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 August Agenda:

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

5. Approval of the July 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the July 18, 2018 meeting minutes as written, Dan Herbst seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

6. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) August 2018 Report.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Cody Calkins spoke to the committee of a local work group meeting to discuss NRCS fund allocations and an Agronomy/Soils Field Day at Arlington Ag Research Station which will be held on August 22, 2018.

9. Discussion on LWCD August 2018 Director's Report:

Mark Watkins discussed the August 2018 Director's Report.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Amending the June 2018 LWCC Meeting Minutes:

Corporation Counsel's recommendations in regard to the June meeting minutes were presented to the committee. Discussion followed. Dan Herbst made a motion to keep the June 2018 Meeting minutes as written, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 5/1. Mike Kelly was opposed.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): Kruwell Farms LLC, Robert Schultz, John & Dee Winkelman (Voluntary)

Walt Christensen made a motion to accept the notices, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

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

There were no cancellations at this time.

13. Discussion on the 2019 Budget:

Mark Watkins discussed the request and distributed a final Draft 2019 Projected Budget.

14. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (June):

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

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

There are no applications at this time.

16. Discussion and Possible Action on Rock County Recommended Changes to the Farmland Preservation Program (PACE):

The committee would like more time to read over this information and revisit agenda item # 16 at the September meeting.

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

Mark Watkins informed the committee that Gerry Kokkonen is working on a full baseline documentation report and hopes to have it ready for the September LWCC meeting.

18. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: change to minute taking procedures, Rock County Farmland Preservation resolution

19. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- September 19, 2018 @ 8:00 in Room 202

20. Adjournment:

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 am, Dan Herbst seconded. Motion carried 6/0.