

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes September 19, 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), 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 J. Blair Ward, County Corporation Counsel. Committee member Dan Herbst (UWEX Member) was excused.
 - Members of the Public in Attendance: Anita J Martin, Dyan Pasono, Mary Frankiewicz
- 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 September Agenda:** The September agenda was reviewed by the committee members. No changes were proposed.
- 5. Approval of the August 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** Kelly made a motion to approve the August 15, 2018 meeting minutes as written, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 6/0.
- 6. Public Comment:** Members of the public requested to be allowed to ask questions during Agenda Item #10. Request granted by Chairperson Foelker.
- 7. Communications:**
 - Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) September 2018 Report.
- 8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:** Watkins received information the regarding EQIP 2019 Storm Relief Sign-up. "Jefferson is an eligible county. This sign-up is specifically for agricultural producers who have had damage (ie soil erosion, gulleys, significant forest damage, etc) due to recent weather. They need to be eligible for regular NRCS programs and apply by November 16th." Producers will need to go to NRCS for further information.
- 9. Discussion on LWCD September 2018 Director's Report:** Watkins discussed the September 2018 Director's Report.
- 10. Discussion on Agricultural Performance Standards Outlined in Chapter NR 151 - Joe Strupp:** Strupp gave a presentation on NR 151 Agricultural Performance Standards. A discussion followed.
- 11. Discussion and Possible Action on Southern Area Association (SAA) Representatives:** Watkins will be the LWCD representative, Christensen volunteered to be the LWCC representative, Foelker volunteered to be the alternate.

- 12. Discussion and Possible Action on Changing the Minute Taking Procedures:** Corporation Council Ward gave guidance on minute taking procedures. At this time no changes were proposed by the committee members.
- 13. Discussion and Possible Action on Placement of an Aboveground Vault at the Potter's Field Cemetery:** A request from the Medical Examiner has been brought to the committee to place an aboveground vault to store human remains of the indigent and unclaimed. Christensen made a motion to approve the general concept of placing an aboveground vault on the Potter's Field, Kelly seconded. Motion passed 6/0.
- 14. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):** There were no notices at this time.
- 15. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP:** There were no cancellations at this time.
- 16. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (July):** The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures (July) was distributed.
- 17. Discussion on Rock County Farmland Preservation Resolution:**
The committee revisited the resolution. Burlingham made a motion to support Rock County's resolution as presented, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 6/0.
- 18. Discussion on the Private Sale of an Easement Property:** Watkins made the committee aware of a possible sale of an easement property. Nothing has been made official at this point. A letter outlining the easement language has been sent to the current property owner for guidance.
- 19. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) Applications:** There are no applications at this time.
- 20. Discussion on Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Report on Baseline Documentation for Easements:** A full baseline documentation report will be presented at the October LWCC meeting.
- 21. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:** Possible agenda items include: Potter's Field update, solar farm update, draft resolution from Citizen Climate Lobby.
- 22. Next Scheduled Meeting:**
- October 17, 2018 @ 8:00 in Room 112
- 23. Adjournment:** Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 am, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

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