

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

October 17, 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), 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; Patricia Cicero, LWCD; Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; Dave Terrall, USDA Wildlife Services.

- Members of the Public in Attendance: Alyson Schmeisser, Sally Williams, Craig Ficenec, Anita J Martin

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 October Agenda:

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

5. Approval of the September 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Anfang made a motion to approve the September 19, 2018 meeting minutes as written, Burlingham seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

6. Public Comment:

Public comment was received on Item #12 asking for a clarification.

7. Communications:

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

8. Discussion and Possible Action on USDA, APHIS, Animal Damage - Dave Terrall:

- Terrall discussed the Cooperative Service Agreement. Anfang made a motion to accept the agreement as written, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 7/0.
- Terrall discussed the 2018 Crop Price Proposal. Christensen made a motion to accept the crop prices as listed and amend the 90% harvested crops to no later than December 31, 2018, Anfang seconded. Motion passed 7/0.
- Terrall discussed the County Budget/Financial Plan. Kelly made a motion to approve the budget, Anfang seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

9. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

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

10. Discussion on Water Resources in Jefferson County - Patricia Cicero:

Cicero gave an overview of Water Resources in Jefferson County and the responsibilities and tasks the position entails.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Climate Change Resolution - Walt Christensen:

Christensen submitted a draft resolution in regard to climate change. Christensen made a motion to revisit this agenda item at the November meeting so the committee has a chance to review the draft, Herbst seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

12. Discussion on LWCD October 2018 Director's Report:

Watkins discussed the October 2018 Director's Report. Watkins informed the committee that LWCD now has two State Certified drone pilots within the department.

13. Discussion on Potter's Field:

Watkins informed the committee that the Request to Disturb Potter's Field was approved by the Historical Society. Morse informed the committee that the Historical Society will pay for the archeology study to insure no remains are disrupted.

14. Discussion on Solar Farms:

Watkins informed the committee that a formal presentation will be given to the County Board at the October 23, 2018 meeting. There was no further discussion.

15. Discussion on LWCD Annual Tree Sale:

Watkins discussed the Annual Tree Sale. A sale brochure was distributed.

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

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

Weenonah Brattset Trust

Christensen made a motion to accept the notice of cancellation, Herbst seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

18. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (August):

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

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: Kokkonen submitted a baseline documentation synopsis and program overview.

21. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Item #11, #13, #14

22. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- November 21, 2018 @ 8:00 in Room 112

23. Adjournment:

Kelly made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 am, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

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