

# **Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes**

## **November 21, 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); and Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD.

- Members of the Public in Attendance: 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 November Agenda:**

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

**5. Approval of the October 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes:**

Anfang made a motion to approve the October 17, 2018 meeting minutes as written, Herbst seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

**6. Public Comment:**

There were no comments.

**7. Communications:**

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) November 2018 Report.
- Land + Water sent a handbook for the LWCC Supervisors.

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

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

**9. Discussion on Potter's Field:**

Watkins informed the committee that the Request to Disturb has been received by State Historic Preservation Office and they will provide a response to the request within 30 days of the date the request was received.

**10. Discussion on Land & Water Conservation Booth at 2019 Farm Progress Days:**

The LWCC is interested in exploring the options of a regional information booth at Farm Technology Days. This agenda item will be discussed further during the December meeting.

**11. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):** Dinah Wallace Trust

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

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

There were no cancellations.

**13. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (September):**

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

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

**Applications:** Burlingham informed the committee that the Farm Bill still hasn't been passed therefore NRCS is not accepting any application material at this time.

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

Baseline Documentation has been completed for the year. Watkins spoke to the committee about using drone technology in the near future to assist in monitoring easements.

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

Possible agenda items include: Development of the County Farm, Solar Farms in Jefferson County, Farm Technology Days booth.

**17. Next Scheduled Meeting:**

- December 19, 2018 @ 8:00 in Room 112

**18. Adjournment:**

Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 am, Burlingham seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

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