

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

February 20, 2019

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: none

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 February Agenda:

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

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

Kelly made a motion to approve the December 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) January & February 2019 Reports.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

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

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Extending Authorization to GIS Staff to Sign Non-Metallic Mining Agreements & Permits in the Absence of the Department Head:

Anfang made a motion to authorize GIS Staff to sign non-metallic mining agreements & permits in the absence of the department head, Burlingham seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

10. Discussion on 2019 Committee Meeting Calendar:

Kelly made a motion to change the LWCC meeting calendar to 8:30 am, keeping the third Wednesday of the month in room 112, Herbst seconded. Motion carried 7/0.

11. Discussion on Request to Disturb at the County's Potters Field:

Watkins informed the committee that the Request to Disturb has been received by State Historic Preservation Office and no further information has been received.

12. Discussion on Annual Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) Conference:

Watkins discussed the conference with the committee and offered relevant registration information.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolutions for Consideration at the WLWCA Conference:

Christensen made a motion to support the resolutions as presented, Morse seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): Voluntary: Ohne & Karen Raasch

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

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

There were no cancellations.

16. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (November & December):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures (November & December) was distributed.

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

Preliminary application materials were received by LWCD. State funding has yet to be announced for 2019.

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

3 of the County's purchased easements will be required to submit relevant manure spreading logs.

19. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Farm Technology Days, 4th Grade Farm Tour, WI Land+Water Annual Conference Overview, Potter's Field, Drone Demonstration (weather dependent)

20. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- March 20, 2019 @ 8:30 in Room 112

21. Adjournment:

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

Kim Liakopoulos
Administrative Specialist I ~ LWCD