

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

April 17, 2019

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:30 am. Committee members Matt 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 Patricia Cicero, Interim Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; Cody Calkins, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

- Members of the Public in Attendance: Anita Martin, Dyan Pasono, Frankie Fuller, Kirk Lund

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. Introduction of Interim Director:

Patricia Cicero is the LWCD Interim Director.

5. Review of the April Agenda:

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

6. Approval of the March 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Anfang made a motion to approve the March 20, 2019 meeting minutes as written, Herbst seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

7. Public Comment:

Martin asked for clarification on WI Land+Water Resolution #5. Cicero will address the clarification during Item #11.

8. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection April 2019 Report.

9. Discussion on Department Updates:

Tree Sale distribution May 7-8, 2019, manure spreader calibrations are taking place, tile work on the County Farm is complete.

10. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Cody Calkins gave an NRCS update. Calkins discussed a spring sign up with a due date of May 17, 2019.

11. Discussion on WI Land+Water Annual Conference Resolutions:

The five WI Land+Water resolutions that were passed at the annual conference were discussed.

12. Discussion on 4th Grade Farm Tour:

The 4th Grade Farm Tour will be at Kutz Dairy May 1, 2019 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. Burlingham and Christensen will attend and perform the "Apple as the Earth" demonstration.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): James & Barbara Reek (Voluntary Notice)

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

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

There were no cancellations.

15. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (February):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.

16. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easement (PACE) Applications & Baseline Documentation:

Kokkonen submitted a full PACE application to NRCS, it's been reviewed, and we are awaiting confirmation of acceptance.

17. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

- Rock Lake Management Plan - Rock Lake Improvement Association

Possible agenda items include: Farm Technology Days

18. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- May 15, 2019 @ 8:30 am in Room 112

19. Adjournment:

Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 am, Herbst seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

Kim Liakopoulos
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