

# Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

## May 15, 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) (@ 8:35), 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; and LaVern Georgson, UWEX.

- Others in Attendance: Anita Martin, Ronni Monroe, Wes Dawson, Nathan Pyles, Dyan Pasono, Kurt 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. Review of the May Agenda:

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

### 5. Approval of the April 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Herbst made a motion to approve the April 17, 2019 meeting minutes as written, Kelly seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

### 6. Public Comment:

Burlingham & Christensen attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Farm Tour and gave the Apple as the Earth demonstration to approximately 900 attendees. The demonstration was well received and garnered positive feedback.

### 7. Communications:

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

### 8. Discussion on Departmental Updates:

Tree Sale is complete for 2018/2019. All of the trees sold out and were picked up on the specified dates. A grassed waterway estimate has been requested for the County Farm. Stream monitor training is set to begin 6/1/19.

### 9. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

NRCS didn't attend the meeting therefore a report was unavailable. Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for producers to apply for soil health practices like cover crops.

**10. Discussion on Farm Technology Days - LaVern Georgson:**

Georgson updated the committee on the progress Farm Technology Days progress which is 10 weeks away.

**11. Discussion and Presentation on Rock Lake Management Plan - Nathan Pyles, Rock Lake Improvement Association (RLIA):**

Pyles gave a presentation outlining the Rock Lake Management Plan, highlighted the recommendations that have been reached, and spoke about future goals.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): Voluntary - Witalig Szwec Trust**

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

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

There were no cancellations.

**14. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (March):**

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.

**15. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) Applications & Baseline Documentation:**

The application submitted to NRCS by Kokkonen last month is under review. A covenant has been found on the land and Kokkonen is awaiting further information from NRCS legal. A current easement is under review in regard to a possible sale of the land to a Nursery. Kokkonen is assisting the possible new owner with conservation planning tools.

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

Possible agenda items include: Jefferson County Fair, Farm Technology Days

**17. Next Scheduled Meeting:**

- June 19, 2019 @ 8:30 am in Room 112

**18. Adjournment:**

Herbst made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 am, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

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