

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

June 19, 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), Dan Herbst (UWEX), Mike Kelly (UWEX), Frank Anfang (FSA Rep), and Margaret Burlingham (Member) were present. Also in attendance were Patricia Cicero, Interim Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; Nancy Lannert, LWCD; and LaVern Georgson, UWEX. Ed Morse (Secretary) was excused.

- Others in Attendance: Anita 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 June Agenda:

The June agenda was reviewed by the committee members. Cicero requested moving Items #15 & 16 after item #7.

5. Approval of the May 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Herbst made a motion to approve the May 15, 2019 meeting minutes as written, Anfang seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

6. Public Comment:

Anita Martin made public comment regarding a Livestock Siting Review Board Meeting on a case from Brown County.

7. Communications:

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

8. (#15) Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

Aaron L Johnson, Aaron R & Lois Johnson, Brent Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, Adrienne Rouse, Darren Schroeder, David & Diana Schroeder. Lannert gave background on Operator Schroeder and the amount of work LWCD has done to try and help Schroeder achieve compliance with State Statutes.

Christensen made a motion to accept the notices, Herbst seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

9. (#16) Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance - FPP:

Robert Schultz

Kelly made a motion to accept the notice, Herbst seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

10. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

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

11. Discussion on Departmental Updates:

Cicero discussed the current operations of the LWCD. Both FPP Spot Check and Transect Survey are underway. New stream monitors have been trained and are being placed at stream sites.

12. Discussion on Tree Sale Report:

Liakopoulos gave a report on the Annual Tree Program.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on County Farm Tile System and Waterway Design:

This item will be discussed at the July meeting when more information is available.

14. Discussion on Farm Technology Days:

Georgson gave the committee an update on Farm Technology Days.

15. Discussion on Jefferson County Fair:

LWCD will provide program brochures for the County information table at the Fair.

16. Discussion and Possible Action on Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality:

Kelly attended the task force meeting and spoke in favor of LWCD funding.

17. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (April):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.

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

Kokkonen will begin baseline monitoring this week. A current application has been forwarded to NRCS legal. Kokkonen is working with an interested party in regard to a potential sale of a current easement property.

19. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: County Farm tile system, 2020 Budget, drone demonstration.

20. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- July 17, 2019 @ 8:30 am in Room 112

21. Adjournment:

Herbst made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 am, Burlingham seconded. Motion passed 5/0. (Anfang exited the meeting at 9:25 am.)

*Kim Liakopoulos
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