

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

September 18, 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), Frank Anfang (FSA Rep), and Margaret Burlingham (Member) were present. Also in attendance were Patricia Cicero, Interim Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); and Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD. Mike Kelly (UWEX Member) was excused.

- Others in Attendance: LaVern Georgson UWEX, Anita Martin, Frankie Fuller, Beth Gehred

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 September Agenda:

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

5. Approval of the August 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Anfang made a motion to approve the August 21, 2019 meeting minutes as written, Herbst seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

6. Public Comment:

Martin made public comment on the Land & Water Resources Plan. The plan will be discussed at the October LWCC meeting.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection September 2019 Report
- Jennifer Filipiak from American Farmland Trust to speak at the December LWCC Meeting
- Matt Krueger from Wisconsin Land + Water to speak at the December LWCC Meeting

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

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

9. Discussion on Departmental Updates:

Cicero updated the committee on departmental operations: 2020 Budget meetings are underway, Annual Report has been given to the County Board, placement of a columbarium at the Potter's Field has started, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) sign-ups are ongoing.

10. Discussion on County Farm Tile System Repair:

Cicero notified the Committee that tile inspection is complete and repairs to remove a blockage will begin this fall after harvest.

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

There were no notices.

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

There were no cancellations.

13. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (July):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.

14. Discussion on 2020 Land & Water Conservation Department Budget:

Cicero discussed the 2020 Draft Budget.

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

There are no updates at this time.

16. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: An overview of the Land & Water Resources Management Plan.

17. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- October 16, 2019 @ 8:30 am in Room 112

18. Adjournment:

Christensen made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 am, Anfang seconded. Motion passed 6/0.