

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

November 20, 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 (Member) were present. Also in attendance were Patricia Cicero, Interim Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); and Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD.

- Others in Attendance: Anita Martin, Frankie Fuller

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 November Agenda:

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

5. Approval of the October 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Anfang made a motion to approve the October 16, 2019 meeting minutes as written, Herbst seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

6. Public Comment:

Martin gave public comment on item #18.

7. Communications:

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

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Cicero informed the committee that there are no NRCS updates. NRCS is still accepting applications for programs and there are currently no deadlines that can be published.

9. Discussion on Departmental Updates:

Cicero attended the Advanced Lake Leaders meeting where Farmer Lead Councils were discussed. LWCD will use the drone to observe a Lower Spring Lake drawdown.

10. Discussion on Proposed Badger State Solar Facility:

The joint development agreement is not finished yet. This agenda item will be revisited at the December LWCC meeting if more information is available.

11. Discussion on County Farm Tile System and Repair:

Cicero notified the committee that a contractor repaired just less than 2,000 feet of tile and investigated the remaining tile on the west side of the farm. Additional tile repair will be needed on the west side of the farm. Due to weather, the investigation of the tile on the east side of the farm will be scheduled for the spring of 2020.

12. Discussion on 2020 Land & Water Conservation Board Elections:

2020 Land & Water Conservation Board Elections will happen in March 2020. The deadline for application is 1/17/20.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): Erich Heinichen, Nic Lauersdorf, Donald & Shari Voeltz

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

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

Dinah Wallace Trust

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

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

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:

LWCD currently has two interested parties; one purchased, one donated. An update will be given when applications are received.

17. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Healthy Lakes Grant application resolution, PACE application deadline, American Farmland Trust report on farmland loss, and WI Land+Water update from Matt Krueger

18. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- December 18, 2019 @ 8:30 am in Room 112.

19. Adjournment:

Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 am, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 7/0.