

# Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

## December 16, 2020

### 1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:30 am. Committee members Matt Foelker (Chairperson), Dan Herbst (UWEX Member), and John Kannard (UWEX Member) were present. Walt Christensen (Vice-Chairperson), Mike Kelly (Secretary) (@ 8:36), JoAnn Davis (FSA Rep), and Margaret Burlingham (PACE Rep) were present via Zoom. Also in attendance were Patricia Cicero, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); and Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD.

- Others in Attendance: Mary Roberts, Frankie Fuller, and Anita Martin (via zoom)

### 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. Item #11 will be discussed after the 24 hour public notice period has been achieved.

### 4. Review of the December Agenda:

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

### 5. Approval of the November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Herbst made a motion to approve the November 18, 2020 meeting minutes as written, Kannard seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

### 6. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

### 7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection December 2020 Report.

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

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

### 9. Discussion on Departmental Updates:

The annual County Conservationists meeting will be virtual this year, Cicero is assisting with the Joint Development Agreement for the new solar farm, Cicero is working with the Human Resources Department on the steps necessary to post the Water Resources Management Specialist position.

### 10. Discussion on County Farm Tile Drain:

The tile drain repair work is moving forward without quotes and will be done in 2021.

**11. Discussion and Possible Action on Multi-Discharger Variance Application:**

Herbst made a motion to approve the Multi-Discharger Variance application, Foelker seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on Land and Water Resources Management Plan Resolution:**

The plan will be submitted to the Department of Agriculture by January 11, 2021 in preparation for the State Land and Water Board meeting in February. The LWCC decided to consider the plan at their January 2021 meeting. The County Board will consider the plan for adoption at their February 2021 meeting.

**13. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):** There were no notices.

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

There were no cancellations.

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

There no new applications at this time.

**16. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (October):**

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.

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

Possible agenda items include: Multi-Discharger Variance Application

- **Next Scheduled Meeting:** January 20, 2021 @ 8:30 am in Room 205

**18. Recess:**

Christensen made a motion to recess at 9:30 am, Herbst seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

**19. Reconvene - Discussion and Possible Action on Agenda Item #11:**

The reconvene was called to order by Matt Foelker at 4:00 pm. Committee member Dan Herbst (UWEX Member), and Steve Nass, County Board Chairman were present. Matt Foelker (Chairperson), Walt Christensen (Vice-Chairperson), and Mike Kelly (Secretary) were present via Zoom. Also in attendance was Patricia Cicero, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); and Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD was present via Zoom.

- Others in Attendance: Anita Martin (via Zoom)

**20. Adjournment:**

Herbst made a motion to adjourn at 4:15 pm, Foelker seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

*Kim Liakopoulos  
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