

# Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

## February 17, 2021

### 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 Member), John Kannard (UWEX Member) and Kirsten Jurcek (FSA Rep) were present. Mike Kelly (Secretary) (@8:50) and Margaret Burlingham (PACE Rep) were present via Zoom. Also in attendance were Patricia Cicero, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD), Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD and David Terrall, Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program. Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD was present via Zoom.

- Others in Attendance: Dean Weichmann, 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.

### 4. Review of the February Agenda:

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

### 5. Approval of the January 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

Herbst made a motion to approve the January 20, 2021 meeting minutes as written, Kannard seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

### 6. Public Comment:

Dean Weichmann from Jefferson County Soil Builders addressed the committee in regard to a farmer lead watershed group in Jefferson County. Weichmann is asking for names of interested parties and donations. Weichmann would like to be added to a future agenda for further consideration.

### 7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection January 2021 Report.
- Introduction of the new FSA Representative, Kirsten Jurcek.

### 8. Discussion and Possible Action on Wildlife Damage Claims for 2020 - Dave Terrall, USDA Wildlife

**Services:** Christensen made a motion to approve the Wildlife Damage Claims for 2020 as presented, Kannard seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

Kannard made a motion to approve the Harvest Waiver Exemption for Ingersoll, Jurcek seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

### 9. Discussion and Possible Action on Harvest Waiver Exemptions - Dave Terrall, USDA Wildlife

**Services:** Item #9 was discussed and acted upon along with item #8.

**10. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:**

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

**11. Discussion on Departmental Updates:**

The Land & Water Plan was accepted by the State Land & Water Board 2/2/2021 and unanimously approved by the County Board 2/9/2021. Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) update classes have been completed for the 2020/2021 season. Many Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) Annual Certificates and 590 NMP Checklists have already been received for the 2021 season. Interviews are being conducted for the Water Resources position.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2021 LWCD Budget Amendment for the Multi-Discharger Variance:** Herbst made a motion to approve the Land & Water Conservation Department Budget Amendment Resolution and forward it on to the Finance Department, Kannard seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

**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:** Kokkonen filed a PACE application with NRCS and is awaiting the statewide ranking outcome. American Farmland Trust is anticipating a response to additional PACE funding opportunities, hopefully in March.

**16. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (December 2020):**  
The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.

**17. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:**  
Possible agenda items include: Weichmann - Jefferson County Soil Builders

- **Next Scheduled Meeting:** March 17, 2021 @ 8:30 am in Room 205

**18. Adjournment:**  
Herbst made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 am, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 7/0.