

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

March 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. Also in attendance were Patricia Cicero, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Marisa Ulman, LWCD; and Dean Weichmann, Jefferson County Soil Builders. Mike Kelly (Secretary), Margaret Burlingham (PACE Rep), Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; and Michelle Probst, Natural Resource Educator, UW-Madison in collaboration with Jefferson County Soil Builders were present via Zoom.

- Others in Attendance: Anita Martin, Frankie Fuller, Sue Marx (@8:50) (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 March Agenda:

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

5. Approval of the February 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

Herbst made a motion to approve the February 17, 2021 meeting minutes as written, Kannard seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

6. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection March 2021 Report.

8. Introduction of the New Jefferson County Water Resources Management Specialist, Marisa Ulman:

Cicero informed the committee that the Water Resources Management Specialist position will be fully funded this year. Ulman introduced herself and gave an overview of her qualifications and job history.

9. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

NRCS didn't attend the meeting therefore a report was unavailable. NRCS has a new District Conservationist (DC), Troy Wild. More information on the new DC will be provided during the April meeting.

10. Discussion on Departmental Updates:

The tree sale inventory is sold out. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) funding has been received. The MDV funding implementation plan has been sent to the DNR. Cicero will have a copy of the plan for the committee at the April LWCC meeting.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Jefferson County Soil Builders:

Weichmann & Probst spoke to the committee about the recent Jefferson County Soil Builders meeting held in early March. A mission statement was created and a field day was planned for April 14, 2021 from 2-4pm. Weichmann & Probst will work with Nancy Lannert from the LWCD to inform local Farmland Preservation Program participants about the field day via a newsletter the week of March 22nd.

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

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

There were no cancellations.

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

Kokkonen is assisting an applicant in regard to refuse storage and scrap metal on the property that NRCS has pointed out. NRCS has put forth a deadline of May 15, 2021 for these items to be addressed by the landowner.

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

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.

16. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Multi-Discharger Variance plan, Jefferson County Soil Builders

- **Next Scheduled Meeting:** April 21, 2021 @ 8:30 am in Room 205

17. Adjournment:

Kannard made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 am, Herbst seconded. Motion passed 7/0.