

**Land & Water Conservation Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**December 17, 2008**

**1. Call to order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Committee Chairperson, Michael Burow at 9:45 a.m. Committee members Carlton Zentner, and Greg Torres were present. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department; Deb Miller, Administrative Clerk; Nancy Lannert, Resource Conservationist; and Brian Resch, NRCS were also in attendance.

**2. Roll Call (establish a quorum):**

Two officers were present to establish a quorum

**3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:**

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the open meeting law.

**4. Review of the November Agenda:**

The December agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

**5. Citizen Comments:**

There were no citizen comments.

**6. Review and Approval of the November Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. Zentner made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as written. Mr. Torres seconded. Motion carried.

**7. NRCS Report (Natural Resources Conservation Service) – Brian Resch:**

Mr. Resch discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. A hand-out was provided. See attached report.

**8. Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) – Notice of Non-Compliance:**

Ms. Lannert presented two FPP cancellations of non-compliance of landowners who are now in compliance. Mr. Watkins mentioned that FPP might be replaced by the Working Lands Initiative. It will be based on a flat rate per acre and participants will still need to have a conservation plan. Mr. Torres made a motion to accept the cancellation of non-compliance for Hiddingemeeden Trust and Hasel Farms. Mr. Burow seconded. Motion carried.

**9. 2008 Cost-Share Program Report:**

Mr. Watkins gave a report on the State and County Cost-Share Program.

- 1.) State- There are two BMP (Best Management Practices that will be carried over into the 2009 fiscal year. BMP cost-share money is used for the physical building of a project. There are six Nutrient Management Practices that will also be carried over into the next year. This money is used for the writing and implementing of a Nutrient Management Plan.
- 2.) County- There are a total of five cost-share practices that will be carried over into 2009.

The projects were not completed in 2008 due to contractor availability.

**10. Report on WLWCA:**

Mr. Watkins gave a report on the WLWCA/SAA meeting. At the meeting, Mr. Watkins asked a representative from DATCP if the Land Conservation Department could impose a penalty for individuals that don't complete their state cost-share projects. There is no penalty in the contract at this time. Due to the nutrient management sign-up Jefferson County was awarded the full \$84,000 in grant dollars for 2009. The farmers will be required to have a nutrient management plan that they will need to follow as long as they own the farm.

**11. Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence at this time.

**12. Set next meeting and possible agenda items:**

It was decided by the members that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Land & Water Conservation committee will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at 8:30 in room 202. A possible agenda item is: A report on the Rome Pond Grant money.

**13. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Zentner at 9:50. Motion carried.