

**LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**June 25, 2008**

**1. Call to Order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by committee chairperson Mike Burow at 8:30a.m. Greg Torres, committee member; Karen Christian, committee member; Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation; Deb Miller, Administrative Clerk; Patricia Cicero, Water Resources Management Specialist; Brian Resch, NRCS; and Mark Guthmiller, DNR were also present. Steve Schneider and Bill Alveshire from the Lower Spring Lake Management District 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 Meeting Law:**

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

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

The June agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

**5. Citizen Comments:**

A concerned citizen addressed questions, regarding the gypsy moth problem at the Oak Ridge Trailer Park, to Mr. Guthmiller from the DNR. These questions were addressed under the Gypsy Moth Item on the agenda.

**6. Review and Approval of the May 21, 2008 Meeting Minutes:**

Mrs. Christian made a motion to approve the May minutes as written. Mr. Torres seconded. Motion carried.

**7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):**

Mr. Resch discussed the NRCS report. A hand-out was provided. See attached report.

**8. DNR (Department of Natural Resources) Gypsy Moth Program – Mark Guthmiller:**

Mr. Guthmiller provided a presentation on the Gypsy Moth Program. The three main management goals are 1) slow the spread-DATCP, 2) reducing the rate of increase in established populations-USDA & DATCP, and 3) suppressing outbreaks to prevent defoliation-DNR. Aerial spraying is a good way to control the population but does not completely eradicate the problem. Jefferson County in conjunction with the Land & Water Conservation Department is considering designating a county coordinator. Late summer and early fall training, for coordinators, is offered to the counties through the DNR. The coordinator would assist landowners with identifying and assessing the outbreak, filling out applications for spraying, being a ground observer during spraying, and bringing awareness & educating the public through press releases, public meetings, and mailings. Other responsibilities would be to track calls, create digitized spray block maps, and collect funds. The coordinator position would be needed from September through November and February through June. Mr. Watkins will draft a proposed resolution to be reviewed by committee members at the July meeting.

To request information or report a gypsy moth problem, landowners can call the toll-free number at 1-800-642-6684. They may also take care of the spraying on their own by contacting an arborists through the Certified Arborists Association.

**9. Jonas Farm Tile Follow-Up:**

Mr. Watkins informed the group that the area is under water and that no action can be taken at this time. Mr. Watkins also indicated that the landowner is willing to work with the county.

**10. Lower Spring Lake Grant Authority:**

Mr. Schneiger and Mr. Alveshire from the Lower Spring Lake Management District addressed the committee regarding implementing a plan of action for Lower Spring Lake. They are requesting the county act as the fiscal agent and to incorporate Ms. Cicero's expertise in writing a grant and managing the project. Ms. Cicero has been in contact with Susan Graham from the DNR regarding the aquatic invasive species. The LWCD would apply for a DNR grant to survey the aquatic plant species and to treat the Eurasian Water-milfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed that is in the lake. The Lower Spring Lake Management District will assist with the implementation of the project. Ms. Cicero will draft a copy of a resolution to be presented at the LWCC meeting in July and to the county board in August.

**11. Soil Stewardship Program Review:**

Mr. Watkins gave a quick overview of the program. Mrs. Miller provided the committee with data and survey results. She informed the group that the materials are well received and that they are colorful, easy to use and provide good information. Hand-outs were provided. See attached.

**12. Correspondence:**

The three items of correspondence were:

- a) **LCC (Land Conservation Committee) Training** – Mrs. Christian and Mr. Torres gave a summary on the LCC training they attended in Oshkosh. Overall they said it was worthwhile and that the hand-outs they received were very good.
- b) **SAA (Southern Area Association) Tour** – Mr. Watkins informed the committee members of the upcoming SAA tour and that they are invited to attend. He told the members that the SAA consists of 11 counties and that each county arranges a tour. This year Green County will be hosting the tour.
- c) **Flooding Issues:** Due to the heavy rain the county has experienced, Mr. Watkins informed the group of the many complaints the department has been receiving regarding manure run-off and erosion control issues. The department has been logging the calls, keeping the DNR warden informed of the situation and providing solutions to the problems. In some cases, the warden can issue citations.

**13. Set next meeting and agenda:**

It was decided by the committee members that the next meeting of the Jefferson LWCD will be held on **Wednesday, July 16, 2008 in room 202.**

**14. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Christian and seconded by Mr. Torres at 10:16 a.m. Motion carried.