

**LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 20, 2008**

**1. Call to Order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Committee member Howard Wiedenhoef at 8:33 a.m. Karen Christian, Committee Member; Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department; Deb Miller, Administrative Clerk; Patricia Cicero, Water Resources Management Specialist; Gerry Kokkonen, GIS Specialist; Brian Resch, NRCS; Dave Terrall, USDA-Wildlife Damage were also present. Committee chairman, Carlton Zentner arrived at 8:35.

**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 by the chairperson that we are in compliance with the open meeting law.

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

The February agenda was approved by the chairperson.

**5. Citizen Comments:**

There was no citizen comment.

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

Mr. Wiedenhoef made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes as written. Mrs. Christian seconded. Motion carried.

**7. NRCS Report – Brian Resch**

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

**8. Dave Terrall – USDA Animal Damage Program**

Mr. Terrall provided a hand-out of the 2007 Jefferson County Wildlife Damage Program Claim summary. He indicated that enrollment was up slightly from the previous year. Three individuals fall under the Act82-No Claims/No Hunting which allows a shooting permit only. These individuals are ineligible for any claims compensation. However, Mr. Jaeckel has a claim and is eligible for a payable loss damage of \$420.38. Mr. Wiedenhoef made a motion to accept the payment to Jaeckel Bros. for crop damage. Mrs. Christian seconded. Motion carried. See attached hand-out.

**9. Non-Metallic Mining – Update**

Mr. Kokkonen provided hand-outs of the Non-Metallic Mining Overview for years 2003-2007, Permitting Activity for years 2002-2007, and a table with the permitting fees for 2008. Mr. Kokkonen informed the group that the ordinance change caused a small increase in payment to the DNR from each operator. See attached hand-out.

#### **10. County Cost Share Program Language Change**

Mr. Watkins provided the committee members with proposed language changes to the Jefferson County Best Management Cost Share Program. This issue was discussed at the January LWCC meeting. The changes are as follows:

1. To increase the program cost-share cap from \$3,000 to \$4,000.
2. To limit nutrient management plan cost-share payments to a maximum of four years.

Mr. Wiedenhoeft made a motion to accept the proposed language changes to the cost-share program. Mrs. Christian seconded. Motion carried.

#### **11. Annexation Fee on in 2007 Budget**

Mr. Watkins informed the group that an annexation fee of \$2,350 was recently added to the Land and Water Conservation 2007 budget. The fee was due to the city annexing part of the county farm land. Mr. Watkins wanted the committee members to be aware of this additional fee which might cause the department to exceed their budget limit for 2007. Mr. Wiedenhoeft would like to have a resolution drafted to state that these types of fees should be applied to administrations budget. Mr. Watkins and Mr. Zentner said they would write a resolution to address unexpected budget fees. The committee will revisit this issue at the next meeting.

#### **12. Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) Notice of Non-Participation**

Mr. Watkins informed the committee members that Joseph and Marilyn Heinecke are voluntarily withdrawing from the Farmland Preservation Program. Mr. Zentner made a motion to accept the notice of Non-participation for Joseph and Marilyn Heinecke. Mr. Wiedenhoeft seconded. Motion carried.

#### **13. Resolution authorizing grant application for Rome Mill Pond Study**

The Jefferson County Board previously passed Resolution 2007-85 to apply for a lake planning grant for the Rome Mill Pond study. However, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has since advised the county to instead apply for an aquatic invasive species grant due to the availability of funds. In addition to the resolution, Ms. Cicero provided the members with a hand-out on the cost estimate and grant request for the Rome Pond Aquatic Plant study. Mr. Wiedenhoeft made a motion to forward the resolution on to the county board for approval. Mrs. Christian seconded. Motion carried.

#### **14. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence at this time.

#### **15. Set next meeting and agenda**

It was decided by the committee members that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Committee will be held on **Wednesday, March 19th, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 112.**

#### **16. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wiedenhoeft and seconded by Mrs. Christian at 9:45 a.m. Motion Carried.