

**Agenda**  
**Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC)**  
***"Working Together to Protect & Enhance the Environment"***  
**Jefferson County Courthouse, 311 S Center Ave, Rm 112**  
**Jefferson, WI 53549-1701**  
**Wednesday, July 16, 2014 ~ 8:00 a.m.**

Committee Members: Frank Anfang, Matthew Foelker, Peter Hartz, Ed Morse, Carlton Zentner

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)
- 3) Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
- 4) Review of the July Agenda
- 5) Review and Approval of the June 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- 6) Citizen Comments
- 7) Communications
  - a) Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) Report.
- 8) Natural Resources Conservation Service Report (NRCS)
- 9) Non-Metallic Mining Program Overview - Gerry Kokkonen
- 10) Farmland Conservation Easement Commission (FCEC) Transition Discussion
- 11) Authorization to Apply for the for Rock Lake Shoreland Assessment Grant.
- 12) Budget request for 2015
- 13) Notice of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
- 14) Cancellation of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
- 15) Monthly Financial Report
- 16) Set Next Meeting and Possible Agenda Items
- 17) Adjournment

Note: If committee members are not able to attend please notify the LWCD

The committee may discuss and/or take action on any item specifically listed on the agenda. Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator at 920-674-7101 24 hours prior to the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.

# Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

## June 18, 2014

**1. Call to Order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:02 a.m. Committee members Frank Anfang, Matthew Foelker, Peter Hartz, Ed Morse (@ 8:08), and Carlton Zentner were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Nancy Lannert, LWCD; and Dennis Vollmer, NRCS.

**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 June Agenda:**

The June agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

**5. Review and Approval of the May 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes:**

Carlton Zentner made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes as written, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

**6. Communications:**

There were no communications at this time.

**7. Citizen Comments:**

There were no citizen comments.

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

Dennis Vollmer discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. See attached.

**\*Break for Severe Weather (Tornado Warning) Safety Protocol (25 minutes)**

**9. Farmland Preservation Informational Report - Nancy Lannert:**

Nancy Lannert discussed the Farmland Preservation Program with the new committee members. See attached.

**10. WLWCA Information Packet:**

Mark Watkins distributed an informational packet from Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA). See attached.

**(a) Acronym Page:**

Mark Watkins brought the Acronym Page included in the packet to the committee's attention. This information will give the new members the descriptions needed for the many acronyms used in our meetings and correspondence.

**11. Invite to Southern Area Tour:**

Mark Watkins spoke about this years Southern Area Tour and distributed an invite. See attached.

**12. Notice of Noncompliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):**

Voluntary - Fredrick W Huebner

Carlton Zentner made a motion to accept the voluntary non-participation notice, Matt Foelker seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

**13. Cancellation of Noncompliance – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):**

None at this time.

**14. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) Financial Report:**

The most recent statements of revenues and expenditures were distributed. See attached.

**15. 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 July 16, 2014 at 8:00 in Room 112. Possible agenda items include: Budget request for 2015, Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) Report.

**16. Adjournment**

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 a.m., Carlton Zentner seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

# DATCP REPORT

June 2014

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## **ATCP 50**

- The revised ATCP 50 became law on **May 1, 2014**, and is now available [online](#)<sup>1</sup>
- DATCP developed guidance for [SWRM grants](#)<sup>2</sup>, ATCP 50, and FPP Conservation Compliance, and revised forms and other detailed guidance documents which are all available on our [website](#)<sup>3</sup>

## **Soil and Water Resource Management Grants**

- DATCP shared 2015 grant application information with LCDs who have until **June 16<sup>th</sup>** to review the data for accuracy. Please email any corrected information to [datcpswrm@wisconsin.gov](mailto:datcpswrm@wisconsin.gov).

## **Nutrient Management**

- As counties request NM Checklists from farmers or planners for any program including county manure storage ordinances, please make sure that you are asking for a NM Checklist that represents an actual, updated plan. DATCP will again be pulling plans for review for the Quality Assurance Team process this July and we require that an actual NMP is behind each checklist submitted. Planners are required under ATCP 50.48(6) to retain and submit NMPs and related records when requested. If you have questions regarding checklist submissions and reporting to DATCP, please contact Sue Porter at [sue.porter@wi.gov](mailto:sue.porter@wi.gov), or 608-224-4605.
- A new brochure is available that tells NM planning success stories from the perspective of 4 WI farmers or farm families. Copies are available by request from DATCP or the Nutrient and Pest Management program or can be downloaded from [NPM's website](#)<sup>5</sup>. To receive printed copies of the brochure, contact Lisa Schultz at [Lisaj.schultz@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Lisaj.schultz@wisconsin.gov).
- NMFE grant contracts for DATCP awards for the 2014 grant year have been sent out and many counties have signed and returned them already. Others who have not should do so soon. Reimbursement forms will be sent out around **July 1, 2014** for grant recipients to begin requesting reimbursement from DATCP for their NMFE program activities. Counties **MUST** first spend all of their 2013 (Year 1) awards that were given through the UW-Extension. For questions about NMFE grants, contact Mark Jenks at [Mark.Jenks@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Mark.Jenks@wisconsin.gov).

## **Livestock Facility Siting**

- DATCP closed the comment period to receive written comments from stakeholders participating in three listening sessions regarding the livestock siting rule. The department received four written comments from environmental groups, two from government agencies and one from agricultural groups. The department will now work to convene a technical committee related to the rule.

## **Agricultural Enterprise Areas**

- An evaluation team met on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> to review 2014 petitions and provide recommendations to the Secretary. AEAs designated by DATCP in 2014 will go into effect on January 1, 2015.

## **Farmland Preservation Program**

- DATCP recently certified the Town of Marshfield Farmland Preservation zoning ordinance.

## **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**

- Beginning June 9<sup>th</sup>, CREP is once again authorized for FSA County Offices to accept new offers, and approve new contracts under the program. FSA State office provided notice of the authorization on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. DATCP emailed the counties notifying them of the authorization and changes to

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<sup>1</sup> [http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code/atcp/020/50](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/020/50)

<sup>2</sup> <http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Environment/pdf/ATCP50RuleUpdate.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://datcp.wi.gov/ATCP50>

the CREP guidelines on June 9<sup>th</sup> and asked counties to notify producers and landowners of the opportunity to enroll. The State FSA office indicated the following CREP eligibility requirements and guidelines have changed:

- Rental rates for CREP will remain the same as they were during the previous CREP authorization.
- Crop history window is now 2008 - 2013
- Beginning in this signup (46), offer and contract acres will be recorded in hundredths at FSA offices.
- FSA county offices are directed to make CRP continuous signup (which includes CREP) a priority.
- Authority for CREP will expire again on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. (Although likely to be continued by FSA)

Also, the County-State CREP Contract amendment that each of the CREP counties signed in December 2012/January 2013 continues to be in effect. Thus, there is no need for counties to take any additional actions regarding this contract in order to continue with CREP.

### **Outreach and Training Events**

- DATCP staff recorded a webinar on March 25<sup>th</sup> for SWRM grants training, which can be viewed [here](#)<sup>6</sup>.
- DATCP staff recorded a webinar on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding changes to ATCP 50 and Farmland Preservation Soil and Water Conservation Standards. New guidance and forms for FPP Conservation Requirements are available on DATCP's [FPP website](#)<sup>7</sup>.
- DATCP will host Farmland Preservation Planning workshops for plan update assistance and other questions related to farmland preservation. The workshops will be held on **June 18<sup>th</sup>** in Barron County, **June 25<sup>th</sup>** in Marathon County, and **June 26<sup>th</sup>** in Iowa County, and will consist of small group meetings with DATCP staff to provide specialized assistance. To schedule a time on one of these dates, contact Scott Karel at: [Scott.Karel@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Scott.Karel@wisconsin.gov) or 608-224-4604.
- On May 12<sup>th</sup>, DATCP staff attended a national conference on farmland preservation in Hershey, Pennsylvania to participate in a panel with representatives from Michigan and Ohio to showcase farmland preservation efforts in the Midwest.

### **Staff Updates**

- Todd Boehne resigned from his position as State Soil and Water Conservation Engineer to pursue another opportunity with POET, LLC in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We thank Todd for his leadership and dedication to providing technical and conservation services for the citizens of Wisconsin and wish him the best with his future endeavors!

### **Other Updates**

- Waupaca County LWCD is seeking to fill a nutrient management position. The position will provide technical assistance, plan review, information, and education related to nutrient and pest management practices, conservation tillage and federal, state and county ordinances. The position will also assist with implementation of the farmland preservation program. Applications are due **June 23<sup>rd</sup>**. More information can be found at: [www.co.waupaca.wi.us](http://www.co.waupaca.wi.us).
- NRCS's Ray Archuleta is offering Advanced Soil Health Session training on Friday, **June 20<sup>th</sup>**. Live from the NRCS State Office, Ray will present and answer questions from 9-12 via video teleconference. All Area offices will participate, as well as the state office in Madison. All partners are invited to participate and can attend at the Altoona, Appleton, Richland Center, Juneau or Madison NRCS offices. Contact Renae Anderson with questions at [Renae.Anderson@wi.usda.gov](mailto:Renae.Anderson@wi.usda.gov).

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<sup>7</sup> [http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Working\\_Lands\\_Initiative/Soil\\_Water\\_Compliance/index.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Working_Lands_Initiative/Soil_Water_Compliance/index.aspx)

**Jefferson County Board Report**  
**7/16/2014**

**EQIP practices in progress**

- NRCS is in the process of contacting 13 - 2013 planned NMP's to receive the final plan for review and payment
  - NRCS has completed payment on 10 NMPs
    - Certified 12 NMPs
    - Waiting to receive 1 additional NMP's
- Brendon is working with contractors on practice installations on many sites
  - 3 project sites washed out during storms after completion and will need to be redone
    - 1 site washed out for a second time
    - 2014 has been very difficult due to the rains

**2014 EQIP signup**

- The obligation date of 2014 contracts has been set for August 10th
  - Work can now start for contracting

**2015 EQIP signup**

- FY15 application deadline will be around 10/1/2014
  - Working on new applications as new screening tool will determine eligibility based on how far the applications are planned
    - Approximately 10 potential applications and counting
  - Local Working Group meeting is set for 8/20 at 1 pm in Dodge Cty Administrative Building

**Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP)/Conservation Security Program (CSP)**

- The one CStP application for Jefferson County was funded with additional funding to WI
  - This application must be contracted by August 8th

**CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)**

- As of June 9<sup>th</sup> continuous CRP practices (IE – waterways, filter strips, wetland restorations, etc) can re-enroll/enroll for the CRP program
  - Field checks are planned to be completed by 7/18
    - Some locations are too wet or under water to view
  - Contracting and LCD signature is planned to be completed by late August

**General**

- Wetland/HEL Determination requests to complete: (Jefferson/Rock/Elkhorn counties)
  - ~13 have yet to be looked at or are being reviewed, but not yet completed
  - ~10 are waiting to be digitized
  - 0 are waiting to be approved/signed
- The past month has consisted of: 2014 EQIP contracting, WRP (Wetland Restoration Program) monitoring review work, WRP applications/ranking, Construction field work, EQIP reviews/payments, FY2015 EQIP application planning work
- The next month should consist of: 2014 EQIP contracting, WRP monitoring field reviews, 2014 construction work, Compliance Review follow up, CRP reviews/contracting , FY2015 EQIP application planning work
- Zachary Thayer has been volunteering for the Jefferson NRCS office during the past few months
  - Working Fridays and Monday afternoons
  - Zach is a junior at UW Whitewater
- Ray Archuleta Soil Health Training in Arlington (6/19) – Brendon/Dennis