

***Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Committee Agenda
"Working Together to Protect & Enhance the Environment"***

***Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S Center Ave, Rm 112
Jefferson, WI 53549-1701***

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 @ 8:00 am

Committee Members: Matthew Foelker (Chair), Walt Christensen (Vice-Chair), Ed Morse (Secretary), Dan Herbst (UWEX Member), Mike Kelly (UWEX Member), Frank Anfang (FSA Rep), and Margaret Burlingham (Public Member)

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. Approval of the June 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes
6. Public Comment (members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
7. Communications
 - Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) July 2018 Report
8. Discussion on Ranger Power - Solar Presentation: Andrew Hamilton
9. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report
10. Discussion on LWCD July 2018 Director's Report
11. Discussion on Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) & Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
12. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - FPP
13. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP
14. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (May)
15. Discussion on 2019 Budget
16. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) Applications
17. Discussion on Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Report on Baseline Documentation for Easements
18. Discussion on Southern Area Association (SAA) Summer Tour in Dodge County
19. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda
20. Next Scheduled Meeting:
 - August 15, 2018 @ 8:00 am in Room 112
21. Adjournment

A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at this meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at (920) 674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

DODGE COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI 53039 920-386-3660

Southern Area Association Tour
You're Invited!

WHEN: Wednesday, August 1, 2018

WHERE: Administration Building rooms 1H and 1I, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

WHAT: Our first stop is the Nasbro Quarry. We will look at depth to bedrock and compliance issues with the revised NR151 rules with Manure spreading restrictions. Our next stop is the Invenergy windmill farm in northern Dodge and southern Fond du Lac Counties. We will have lunch at the US Fish and Wildlife Center on the Horicon Marsh. They will give us a presentation on the history of the Marsh and we'll have our business meeting. After lunch we will proceed to Jung Seed Company to look at their greenhouse facilities and water recovery system. Our final stop will be a local farm to meet with members of the Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soils/Healthy Waters. We will have a rainfall simulator and look at interseeded cover crops.

TIME: Registration (with refreshments) begins at 8:00 a.m. Chartered bus tour departs at 8:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:00 p.m. (Business meeting will be held during lunch.)

PRICE: \$15.00 (includes refreshments and lunch) payable Dodge County LWCD, 127 E. Oak St., Juneau, WI. 53039

DEADLINE: July 20, 2018

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Contact name and email or phone number: _____

Total amount enclosed @ \$15/person \$ _____

Our bus seats 54 people. Do you plan to ride the bus _____ or drive your vehicle _____

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Justmann at bjjustmann@co.dodge.wi.us or (920) 386-3660.



DATCP REPORT

July 2018

Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) Grants

- DATCP is sending out documents to renew county master contracts based on 2018 SWRM grant awards. **You must formally acknowledge receipt of the renewal documents via email to complete the process. It has come to our attention that some counties email systems are sending our emails to Spam or Junk folders. If you have not heard from us in the past month, please check those folders and work with your IT group to assure you receive future emails.**
- DATCP and DNR are working on a data tracking system that includes the capacity to geo-locate conservation practices implemented through state grant programs. We will up to date as the project progresses.

Producer-Led Watershed Protection (PLWP) Grants

- An [impact report for the PLWP grant program](#)¹ is now available on our website. The report includes summary information of the activities around the state, summaries of individual producer-led groups and success stories.

Conservation Engineering

- NRCS is looking to populate their Engineering Job Approval Authority (EJAA) database with County staff that are interested in maintaining their NRCS EJAA. DATCP Engineering Certification is all you need if you only work on County/State-funded projects; however, if you approve the planning, design, or construction for NRCS projects, you will still need NRCS EJAA. You may have already received this request, but if not, please let your DATCP Area Engineer know as soon as possible whether or not you want to maintain NRCS EJAA in addition to your DATCP Engineering Certification.

County Manure Storage Ordinances

- For those counties that have recently updated their manure storage ordinances please forward a copy of the newest version to Lisa.Trumble@wi.gov. Also, remember to update the ordinance on your county webpage. If that webpage has changed please forward the new link to Lisa as well.

Livestock Facility Siting Program

- The Livestock Facility Siting Review Board (LFSRB) heard an appeal on June 13, 2018 against Jefferson County that raised issues concerning odor management from a poultry operation in the Town of Lake Mills. The LFSRB [affirmed](#)² the county's issuance of the siting permit.
- A dairy producer in the Town of Ledgeview, Brown County, has filed an appeal to the Livestock Facility Siting Review Board challenging the town's denial of a siting permit based in part on applying a more stringent setback to a manure storage structure.

Land and Water Conservation Board and Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plans

- Thank you to the Sauk County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department for hosting the June 5, 2018 LWCB meeting and tour.
- Grant, Saint Croix, and Richland Counties will be presenting LWRM plan revisions and reviews at the August 7, 2018 LWCB meeting.

¹ <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/PLWPG%20Impact%20Report%2016-17.pdf>

² https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About_Us/LivestockSitingReviewBoard.aspx

Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)

- The 2018 Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) petition cycle closed on June 8, 2018. DATCP received multiple petitions this cycle and anticipates making a designation announcement early this fall.
- The Town of Franklin (Kewaunee County) Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance was approved.

2017 Land and Water Conservation Annual Report

- The [2017 Land and Water Conservation Annual Report](#)³ is now available on our website. Please take a minute to look at the report to see some of the great things going on in Wisconsin. And – please share the information widely! Each county will receive 2 hard copies. If you need more, the web version is printable. Thanks again to the counties for sharing information about the work completed in 2017.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- FSA National office sent out notice CRP-852 announcing adjustments to CRP soil rental rates (SRR) that went into effect on June 4, 2018. The adjustments change how soil rental rates are calculated with the new rates solely based on the 2017 NASS Cash Rent Survey results for dryland rent estimate (previously the calculations were based on a 3-year average). The result of the change is lower rental rates overall for CRP programs, including CREP. All CRP/CREP offers already in process, but not approved by FSA, will honor the SRR in effect when the offer was filed. All offers for CRP/CREP made after June 4, 2018 will use the new SRR's. A report from FSA providing the updated base soil rental rate for each WI county was emailed by DATCP to all the CREP LCD's on June 11, 2018. According to FSA, the reason for the change is to make CRP SRR's more in line with current agricultural land rental rates.
- Federal deadlines for CREP offers in 2018 are as follows:
 - August 17, 2018 – Producer offer acceptance
 - September 7, 2018 – NRCS to return CPO to FSA
 - September 28, 2018 – FSA to accept the CRP1
- DATCP and LCDs have begun visiting CREP easements sites with expiring or expired CRP1s. In alert landowners to these visits, DATCP has been sending letters to landowners indicating that a representative from DATCP or the LCD maybe be out to visit the site in the coming year. The letter includes information on the requirements of the CREP easement along with a map showing the easement location.

Agricultural Impact Statements (AIS)

- DATCP has sent out 55 questionnaires for agricultural property owners that will be affected the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation proposed Plymouth to Chilton natural gas replacement project.
- DATCP is participating in the review of the Cardinal-Hickory Creek high voltage transmission line project. The routes extend approximately 100 miles from Dane County, southwest to the village of Cassville in Grant County. It ends across the Mississippi River in Dubuque County, Iowa. A web page containing information about this project and links to maps has been created on the [AIS current projects web pages](#).⁴
- DATCP has completed the Agricultural Impact Statements for two natural gas pipeline projects proposed by We Energies in the counties of Racine and Kenosha. The AISs for the EITM project and the Lakeshore Capacity Improvement project can be viewed on the [AIS current pipeline projects web page](#).⁵
- DATCP is participating in the Public Service Commission's review of two large-scale solar projects. The 300-MW Badger Hollow Solar Farm could potentially affect up to 3,500 acres of Iowa County farmland. The 150-MW Two Creeks Solar Project could potentially affect approximately 780 acres of Manitowoc and Kewaunee County farmland.

³ <https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Publications/LandWaterAnnualReport.aspx>

⁴ https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AISCARDINALHICKORYCRKPROJECT.aspx

⁵ EITM Natural Gas Lateral, DATCP #4249: <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/AISEITMStatement.pdf> and Lakeshore Capacity Improvement Project, DATCP #4255: <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/AISLakeshoreCapacity.pdf>

WHAT IS THE CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM?

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a resource for agricultural landowners to use to help meet their conservation goals, particularly those who currently till or graze land along rivers, stream, lakes and wetlands.

CREP pays landowners to voluntarily install filter strips along waterways or to return continually flooded fields to wetlands while leaving the remainder of the adjacent land in agricultural production. The size of land put into CREP is variable and can be a strip as narrow as 30 feet with no minimum acreage size. This allows landowners to put what land is needed into the program and leave the remainder for farming. Options for enrollment are through either a 15 year agreement or a perpetual easement.

There is no waiting period; enrollment and eligibility determinations are made on a first-come basis.

CREP is a joint effort between Federal, State, and County governments to complement working agriculture and the protection of Wisconsin's soils and water resources.

HOW DOES CREP BENEFIT ME?

Annual Payments - On the federal side, USDA makes rental payments annually for 15 years. Rates are determined by soil type, county, and whether the land was cropland or marginal pasture land. Annual rental rates for cropland range from \$50-\$250 per acre. USDA also provides an additional annual federal incentive payment of 35%-60% the annual rental rate, depending on the practices installed.

Up-front Payments - In addition to annual payments, the federal government pays \$100 per acre as an up-front, one-time signing incentive payment (SIP) for filter strips, riparian buffers, grassed waterways and wetland restorations enrolled for the first time.

The State of Wisconsin also provides an additional one time up-front incentive payment of 1.5 times the annual rental rate for 15-year agreements and 12 times the annual rental rate for perpetual conservation easements.

Practice Payments - The federal government pays 50% of the cost of installing the eligible practices along with a practice incentive payment (PIP) of 40% of practice installation costs. Additionally, the state pays 20% of the cost of installing eligible practices.

Note: Check with your tax advisor to determine if these payments have tax consequences for you.

IS MY LAND ELIGIBLE?

If your land falls within the designated towns on the CREP project area map (see back page), your land has a crop history (in commodity crops 4 out of 6 years from 2008 to 2013, or meets rotation requirements with grass or legumes), or the land meets the qualifications as marginal pastureland, you may be eligible and should fill out an application.

In the riparian project areas, eligible lands are within 150 feet of a stream or water body. In the grassland project area, additional lands are eligible that meet the crop history and are within 1000 feet of a water body. In the southern grassland project area the land must also be highly erodible. In the northern grassland project area the land does not have to be highly erodible.

Lands expiring from a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract, or in the last year of their CRP contract, may be eligible for enrolling qualifying acres into CREP.

WHAT ABOUT PUBLIC ACCESS?

Public access is not required for CREP.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Contact your county FSA, NRCS or LCD office and ask them for a CREP application. A site visit will be completed and FSA will notify you if your land is eligible for CREP. Make sure you indicate which lands you wish to enroll and what type of practices or project you would like to undertake.

WHAT IS A 15-YEAR AGREEMENT?

The 15-Year agreement is a contract to install and maintain practices for 15 years in exchange for federal and state incentive payments and cost-sharing. The landowner enjoys recreational use of the land during the contract period. The restrictions on land use are specified in the agreement and state that the land must be maintained in the vegetation type indicated in the conservation plan. If you sell the property, the state may require a transfer of the agreement to a new owner. Repayment of state program funds may be required if the agreement is violated.

WHAT IS A PERPETUAL EASEMENT?

The perpetual conservation easement is a permanent land use restriction which will be held by the county or the state, with an underlying 15-year federal contract. The landowner enjoys recreational use of the land in perpetuity. The restrictions on land use are specified in the easement and generally state that the land must be maintained in the vegetation type indicated in the conservation plan. No structures may be built on the lands enrolled.

Through a conservation plan the landowner may indicate what types of uses they desire to have after the federal 15-year contract expires. Some of these uses may include: timber harvest, limited pasturing or haying, prescribed burns or other management techniques.

Repayment of state program funds are required if the easement is violated.

WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED FOR A PERPETUAL EASEMENT?

If you are planning on enrolling land into a perpetual conservation easement you need to provide some important information. Perpetual easements require a title search which the landowner must obtain and applicants must supply a copy of the last property tax bill. Also, be prepared to have ALL owners of the property sign the easement document along with signatures of mortgage holders or lenders. Costs of establishing the easement, such as the title search, are reimbursed to the landowner for all perpetual easements after they have been recorded.

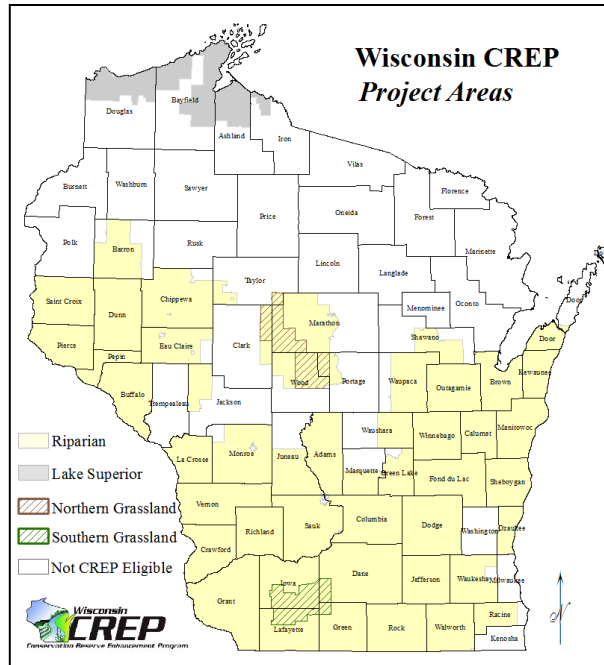
ELIGIBLE PRACTICES:

- Filter Strips (CP21)
- Riparian Buffers (CP22)
- Grassed Waterways (CP8a), up to 1000 feet
- Wetland Restorations (CP23 or CP23a)
- Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (CP29)
- Permanent Introduced Grasses (CP1)*
- Permanent Native Grasses (CP2)*
- Established Legumes and Grasses (CP10)*
- Oak Savanna Ecosystem Restoration and Tall Grass Prairie Ecosystem Restoration (CP25)*

* Practices only eligible within the grassland project areas.

MORE INFORMATION ONLINE AT:

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CREP.aspx



Partner Agencies:



Wisconsin Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program



Fact Sheet

Revised 03/2017

How to Enroll in Farmland Preservation

To enroll in Farmland Preservation contact the Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department staff at (920) 674-7110.

Staff will assist you in developing a conservation plan. Nutrient management plans (NMP) can be written by your local co-op or private crop advisors. Cost sharing may be available to you if your land has not previously been covered by an NMP. The Jefferson County Staff can guide you in obtaining a plan.

In order to claim the credit on your Wisconsin Income Tax filing, you will need to obtain a Certificate of Compliance from the Department. All landowners must annually certify their compliance with Conservation Standards and farms will be field checked for compliance at least once every four years.



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Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation

Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program



Farmers and local government working together to promote our agricultural economy while protecting the soil and water resources of our communities.

What is Farmland Preservation?

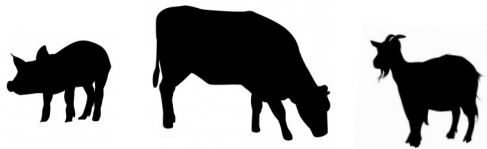


Farmland Preservation is a Wisconsin Income Tax Credit available to agricultural landowners who meet certain soil and water conservation standards.

Eligible landowners receive a tax credit through their Wisconsin Income tax filings.

Jefferson County Landowner Eligibility

- ✓ Land must be zoned A-1
- ✓ Farm must produce gross farm receipts of \$6,000 per year or \$18,000 over a three year period
- ✓ Landowner must file Wisconsin Income taxes
- ✓ Must be following all of the program's Soil and Water Conservation Standards



SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION STANDARDS



Participants in Farmland Preservation Must meet the following Conservation Standards:

- ✓ Develop and follow an approved soil and water conservation plan showing erosion is controlled on your crop land. Land Conservation Staff will work with you to develop a conservation plan.
- ✓ Develop and follow a nutrient management plan (NMP) to utilize on farm nutrients and prevent the over-application of fertilizer. If you do not have a NMP, cost-sharing may be available to assist you in the development of a plan.
- ✓ You must maintain a minimum 5 foot cropping setback from surface water.
- ✓ If you have livestock additional requirements for manure handling and runoff controls may be required.
- ✓ If grazing livestock next to surface water, adequate cover must be maintained along the banks.

HOW MUCH IS THE TAX CREDIT?

Jefferson County is covered by county-wide zoning. Any A-1 zoned land that meets all eligibility requirements is eligible for a \$7.50 per acre tax credit. This credit applies to the entire parcel, not just the crop land acreage. Your credit will include all owned parcels zoned A-1, regardless of their use (woodlot, marsh, grasslands).

Landowners whose parcels are located in the Scuppernon Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) near Palmyra can qualify for an additional \$2.50 tax credit by signing a 15 year agreement with the State of Wisconsin to keep their land in agricultural use. To see if your land is located within the AEA contact the Land and Water Conservation Department or visit the Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection website at <https://datcp.wi.gov>.



Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Department

July 2018 - Director's Report

Reporting/Activity:

- Prep 2018 Staffing & Operations Grant Reimbursement.
- Draft Departmental Services List for priority based budgeting completed.
- Update PACE Brochure.
- Attended Strategic Planning meeting.
- Attended MUNIS Budget Training Workshop.
- Met with representative from Ranger Power- Solar.
- Completed annual Transect Soil Survey.
- Construction Site meeting Day Break Food's Creekwood Facility with lead engineer.
- Annual Federal Security renewed.
- Monthly Deposits (June) - \$ 13,892.80.

Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

- 111 of 163 FPP Field inspections completed to date.
- Issued 14 Certificates of Completion.
- Prep annual NMP Consultant's newsletter.
- Enrolled 2 new participants in FPP.
- Completed 3 conservation plans.
- Completed 23 status review reports.
- Issued 6 Voluntary Non-participations for FPP.
- Issued 2 schedule of compliance for a land owner that is out of compliance with FPP.

Nutrient Management /Cost Share:

- Signed 1 cost share contract for shore line protection.
- Sent information regarding cost share funding to multiple land owners.
- Completed review of 2017 contract holders and status of project.

GIS:

- PACE Easement Monitoring.
- NMM Reclamation Data.
- CTH-A realignment mapping.
- Completed 1 NMM Exemption Request.

Livestock Siting Application Reviews & Permits:

- Issued Waste Storage closure permit to Daybreak Food's Creekwood Facility.

Animal Waste - Manure Discharge/Complaints:

- Complaint received from a concerned citizen regarding manure in the road and in the road ditch near a wetland/pond @ Strausssdale Dairy. A site investigation revealed mostly mud on the road and liquid manure in the road ditch approximately 700' uphill from the pond/wetland. It was not currently moving and had not reached the wetland. Contacted farm representatives regarding manure on the road and in the ditch requiring clean up before it made its way to the wetland. Representative agreed to do so. At 3:00 on the 6/22/18 most of the manure was cleaned from the ditch, but some still remained. A second request to the farm that all of the manure needed to be removed to make sure it didn't get washed into the pond was made. On 6/26/18 a site visit confirmed all of the manure had been removed from the ditch.

Tree Program:

2017 -2018 Report

Trees Ordered	4,850
Cost of Trees	\$4,634.50
Number of Trees Sold	4,830
Amount Collected	\$7,621.80
Unsold Tree Donation to Parks	20
Cost of Donation	\$47.00
Cost of Truck Rental	\$261.88
Planter Rental (0)	\$0.00
Supplies	\$13.57
Fuel (30 gallons @ \$3.00) <i>*not to exceed this amount</i>	\$90.00
Fuel (24.90 gallons @ \$2.3846) <i>*fuel bill received</i>	\$59.37
Total Tree Sale Revenue	\$2,574.85
Total Tree Sale Revenue <i>*fuel bill received</i>	\$2,605.48

Miscellaneous:

- Monthly staff meeting completed.
- Summer Staff Appreciation Picnic.
- Reviewed and approved monthly P-Card Purchases in MUNIS.
- Reconciled June financials in MUNIS.
- Day to day office activities.
- Scheduled interdepartmental vehicle use.

Lakes & Streams:

Lakes/Rivers/Water Resources

- Attended City of Jefferson's "We're Going Outside" event to provide information on stream sampling and water quality, and home and garden practices to protect water quality.
- Provided suggestions to draft changes of the Town of Lake Mills pier ordinance.
- Attended the monthly DNR lakes and rivers call to provide information on my experience working with the DNR's Office of Communication during the fish stick installation on Rock Lake.

- Attended a training provided by the DNR for volunteers who will be measuring phosphorus on streams this summer.
- Met with DNR, Zoning, and Parks at a meeting to talk about permitting.
- Attended a webinar to learn about 2 new DNR permit exemptions regarding artificial wetlands and non-federal wetlands.

Lake Koshkonong

- Provided information to a citizen about slow-no-wake rules on Lake Koshkonong and the Rock River.

Rock Lake

- Provided feedback to the RLIA on their document regarding piers.
- Attended the Joint Rock Lake Committee meeting to provide information on a variety of topics.
- Met with the DNR, the City of Lake Mills, and the City's consultant regarding next steps with their investigations on Rock Lake's millpond.
- Trained 2 citizens to monitor the clarity of Marsh Lake.
- Trained a citizen to use the temperature and dissolved oxygen meter so that he can take measurements at the deep holes of Rock Lake and the millpond.
- Met with landowners at their lake lot to provide them with input on their shore land area. Provided them with advice on actions associated with riprap and a native planting on their steep slope.
- Met with Zoning, Parks, and the DNR waterway and wetland permit person to talk about various permit questions.

Rock River Coalition

- Attended the Rock River Coalition meeting.

Stream Sampling Program with volunteers

- Communicated with the RRC stream monitoring program coordinator about the availability and suitability of a site for a Boy Scout troop.
- Communicated with 2 stream monitors about the arrival of equipment for their use; also explained how to use the devices.
- Communicated with Rock River Coalition stream monitoring coordinator about sampling sites and some protocols.

Aquatic Invasive Species

- Communicated with the Clean Boats Clean Waters inspectors at 3 lakes to provide them with information on the Landing Blitz campaign, get them the towels as boater giveaways, and remind them to enter their data into the state-wide database.

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

June 20, 2018

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:00 am. Committee members Matt Foelker (Chairperson), Walt Christensen (Vice-Chairperson), Dan Herbst (UWEX Member), Mike Kelly (UWEX Member), Frank Anfang (FSA Rep), and Margaret Burlingham (Public Member) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; and J. Blair Ward, County Corporation Counsel. Ed Morse (Secretary) was excused.

2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum):

A quorum was established.

3. Overview of Open Meetings Law:

J. Blair Ward, County Corporation Counsel gave an overview and clarification of Open Meetings Law for the new members and a refresher for the current members.

4. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

5. Review of the June Agenda:

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

6. Approval of the May 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the May 16, 2018 meeting minutes as written, Mike Kelly seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

7. Public Comment:

Public comment was received on item #8 (in re Livestock Facility Siting Program) of the agenda and a handout was distributed by a member of the public.

8. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) June 2018 Report.
- Mark Watkins attended and appeal with the Livestock Siting Review Board.

9. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

NRCS didn't attend the meeting therefore a report was unavailable.

10. Discussion on LWCD June 2018 Director's Report:

Mark Watkins discussed the June 2018 Director's Report.

11. Discussion on Land & Water Conservation Committee Training for Southern Area Association:

Mark Watkins discussed the Conservation Committee Training being offered to County Supervisors.

12. Discussion on Acronyms & Initials Regarding Partnering Agencies & Programs:

A list of acronyms & initials was distributed.

13. Discussion on Non-Metallic Program:

Gerry Kokkonen gave an overview of the Non-Metallic Mining Program and answered committee questions.

14. Discussion on 2017/2018 Annual Tree Sale Report:

The 2017/2018 Annual Tree Sale Report was distributed.

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

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

There were no cancellations at this time.

17. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (April):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures (April) was distributed and discussed.

18. Discussion on Jefferson County Dairy Breakfast:

The Dairy Breakfast was not attended by any LWCC members this year so a report is unavailable.

19. Discussion on 4th Grade Farm Tour:

Margaret Burlingham discussed the 4th Grade Farm Tour. The tour was hosted by Kutz Dairy, was well attended, and went smoothly.

20. Discussion on Apple as the Earth Presentation:

Margaret Burlingham performed the "Apple as the Earth" demonstration for the committee.

21. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE)

Applications: Margaret Burlingham outline the PACE program for the new committee members and distributed the PACE brochure. Walt Christensen made a motion to approve changes to the brochure to include more information, Dan Herbst seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

22. Discussion on Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Report on Baseline Documentation for Easements:

Gerry Kokkonen will be collect baseline information the last week of June/first week of July 2018. Baseline documentation will be available at the next scheduled LWCC meeting.

23. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: 2019 budget draft

24. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- July 18, 2018 @ 8:00 in Room 112

25. Adjournment:

Mike Kelly made a motion to adjourn at 9:14 am, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 6/0.