

# **Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes**

## **May 21, 2014**

**1. Call to Order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Mark Watkins at 8:30 a.m. Committee members Frank Anfang, Matthew Foelker, Peter Hartz, and Carlton Zentner were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; and Dennis Vollmer, NRCS. Committee member Ed Morse was excused.

**2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum):**

A quorum was established.

**3. Election of Offices:**

Chairperson - Matt Foelker ~ Vice Chair - Carlton Zentner ~ Secretary - Pete Hartz

**4. Set Meeting Schedule:**

Carlton Zentner made a motion to change the meeting time to 8:00 a.m., Matt Foelker seconded. Motion carried 4/0. The meetings will now be at 8:00 a.m. and will remain on the third Wednesday of the month in room 112.

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

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

**6. Review of the May Agenda:**

The May agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

**7. Review and Approval of the March Meeting Minutes:**

Carlton Zentner made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes as written, Matt Foelker seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

**8. Communications:**

Mark Watkins discussed the new Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Monthly Report. See attached.

**9. Citizen Comments:**

Beth Gerard from Town & Country Resource Conservation & Development (T&C RC&D) introduced herself and T&C RC&D to the committee. She discussed the object of the office and what they do.

**10. Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC) Overview of Departmental Operations:**

Mark Watkins discussed the day to day operations of the committee. See attached.

**11. Select Reps for WLWCA Southern Area:**

The Committee decided that Carlton Zentner will remain the Jefferson County Rep.

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

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

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

All Voluntary - Willie & Lilabelle Armstrong, Ernest & Karen Bankert, Michael & Renee Baumgartner, Roy Haas, and Duane Strass - Frank Anfang made a motion to accept the notices as written, Carlton Zentner seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

**14. Cancellation of Noncompliance – Farmland Preservation Program:**

Lynn Strasburg - Carlton Zentner made a motion to accept the notices as written, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

**15. Farmland Preservation Program Rule Change:**

Mark Watkins discussed the Farmland Preservation Program Rule Change. See attached.

**16. Emerald Ash Borer Update:**

Mark Watkins discussed the Jefferson County Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine. Mark Watkins informed the committee that all of the pertinent information is available on our website.

**17. Manure Storage Ordinance Update:**

Mark Watkins spoke about the changes made to the Manure Storage Ordinance. See the attached ordinance with changes. Matt Foelker made a motion to submit the updated ordinance to the County Board for their approval, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

**18. Tree Sale Update:**

Mark Watkins discussed the Tree Sale. See attached.

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

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

**20. 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 June 18, 2014 at 8:00 in Room 112.

**21. Adjournment**

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 a.m., Carlton Zentner seconded. Motion carried 4/0.