

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

May 20, 2015

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:00 am. Committee members Frank Anfang, Matthew Foelker, Peter Hartz, Ed Morse, and Carlton Zentner were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); and Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD.

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 May Agenda:

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

5. Review and Approval of the March 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the March 18, 2015 meeting minutes as written, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

6. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) May 2015 Report. See Attached

8. Introduction of Interim NRCS District Conservationist:

Mark Watkins introduced Rhia Holden to the committee. Rhia Holden will be with the Jefferson County office 3 days a week for a term of 120 days.

9. Potential Permit Fee Surcharge in support of Farmland Preservation Easements:

Mark Watkins discussed the possibility of surcharges to the Non-metallic mining permits and other permit programs. See attached. Frank Anfang made a motion to wait and see where this goes before making a decision, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

10. 2014 - 2015 Tree Sale Report:

Mark Watkins talked about the 2014-2015 Tree Sale. See attached.

11. Avian Influenza Status:

Mark Watkins updated the committee on the status of avian influenza in the state. See attached.

12. Hoard's Dairyman Facility Update:

Mark Watkins updated the committee on the Hoard's Dairyman Facility. See attached.

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

Melvin Bergdoll

Voluntary - Steven Armstrong

Carlton Zentner made a motion to accept the notices, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

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

James Reu

Frank Anfang made a motion to accept the notice, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

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

Mark Watkins discussed the most recent revenues and expenditures. The April report was not available for the meeting.

16. 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 17, 2015 at 8:00 in Room 112. Possible agenda items include: Items # 9 - 15.

17. Adjournment

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 8:57 am, Carlton Zentner seconded. Motion carried 5/0.