

# **Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes**

## **June 17, 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 June Agenda:**

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

**5. Review and Approval of the May 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes:**

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the May 20, 2015 meeting minutes as written, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

**6. Citizen Comments:**

There were no citizen comments at this time.

**7. Communications:**

There were no communications at this time.

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

There was no report at this time.

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

Mark Watkins informed the committee that Steve Nass, Farmland Conservation Easement Commissions Secretary, would like to meet with members of the commission, the committee, corporation counsel, and administration to discuss potential surcharges. The meeting date and time are TBD.

**10. Gypsy Moth Program & Treatment Update:**

Mark Watkins gave the committee the most updated Gypsy Moth information. See attached.

**11. Avian Influenza Status:**

Mark Watkins distributed the most recent avian influenza information. See attached.

**12. Hoard's Dairyman Facility Update:**

Mark Watkins gave an in depth recap of the Hoard's Dairyman Facility which LWCD has been involved with since December of 2006. The latest Hoard's repair plan is in place using a new engineer from the same firm. Repair plans were received and approved by both state and federal engineering staff. Final construction work was completed June 3, 2015. Engineering signs were received and approved. A 6 month operating schedule was also developed and approved. See attached.

**13. Discussion of Potential Cropland Areas at the New Highway Facility:**

Mark Watkins discussed the potential cropland at the new highway facility. It is approximately 20 non-contiguous acres that have been out of production for many years. It may take too much time and money to bring it back into production. The committee asked to have Ben Wehmeier, Jefferson County Administrator to come to the July LWCC meeting to discuss possible actions.

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

None at this time.

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

None at this time.

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

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

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

**18. Adjournment**

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:17 am, Carlton Zentner seconded. Motion carried 5/0.