

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:00 am. Committee members Matthew Foelker (Chair), Ed Morse (Vice Chair), Peter Hartz (Secretary) (@ 8:10), Gregg Patrick (Member), and Frank Anfang (FSA Rep) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; and Blair Ward, County Corporation Counsel.

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. Approval of the March Agenda:

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

5. Approval of the February 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the February 17, 2016 meeting minutes as written, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

6. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) March 2016 Report. See attached.
- Thank you letter from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). See attached.

7. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Meridith Williams submitted a report from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. See attached.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Merging the Farmland Conservation Easement Commission with the Land & Water Conservation Committee:

Mark Watkins discussed a possible merger between the Land & Water Conservation Committee and the Farmland Commission. Cost saving and efficiencies were discussed. Ed Morse made a motion for the LWCC to support the merger of the LWCC and the Farmland Commission, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on the Snowmobile Trail Access on County Property:

Blair Ward discussed the resolution for the snowmobile access. See attached. Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the resolution and forward it on to the County Board, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

Voluntary: Mary Poeppel Trust - Gregg Patrick made a motion to accept the notice, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellations of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP:

There were no cancellations at this time.

13. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (December):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures (December) was distributed. See attached.

14. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Items # 8 - 13, Hoard's Dairyman Manure Facility

15. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- April 20, 2016 @ 8:00 in Room 112

16. Adjournment

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 am, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 5/0.