

# **Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes**

## **December 20, 2017**

**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) (@ 8:04), Gregg Patrick (Member) (@ 8:03), Lloyd Zastrow (Member), and Frank Anfang (FSA Rep) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; and Kathy Turner, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Margaret Burlingham (Public Member) was absent.

**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 December Agenda:**

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

**5. Approval of the November 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes:**

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the November 15, 2017 meeting minutes as written, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

**6. Public Comment:**

Comment on Item #7 - Conservation Engineering and Drainage - Revised NRCS 313 Standard.  
Comment on Item #10 - Animal Waste - Manure Discharge/Complaint.

**7. Communications:**

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) December 2017 Report. See attached. Kathy Turner discussed the revised 313 Standard. NRCS is still being trained on this standard. When more information is available it will be distributed.

**8. Discussion on Rock Lake Improvement Association (RLIA) - Hope Oostdik:**

Hope Oostdik, Chairperson for the Town of Lake Mills, spoke to the Committee in regard to all of the great work Patricia Cicero (LWCD) has done with RLIA; for example the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program and the 2017 RLIA survey.

**9. Discussion on Glacierland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) - Kirsten Jurcek:**

Kirsten Jurcek, per correspondence with Mark Watkins, postponed the discussion until further notice.

**10. Discussion on LWCD Director's December 2017 Report:**

Mark Watkins discussed the report. See attached. An Animal Waste - Manure Discharge/Complaint was submitted. Pond Hill Dairy was investigated and no violation was found.

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

Kathy Turner discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Kathy Turner has been spending most of her time in Dodge County due to a staff shortage. Kathy Turner informed the Committee that Cody Calkins and Zack Thayer have been talking care of the clients in Jefferson County and doing an excellent job. This year's EQIP sign ups have been high. NRCS will be promoting Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) in 2018.

**12. Discussion on Hoard's Dairyman Facility:**

Mark Watkins updated the Committee on Hoard's Facility. Construction is complete and Hoard's is currently using the new pit as of 12/10/17. No issues have been reported.

**13. Discussion and Possible Action on Notice of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):** Jon A Witkins, Badger Bank c/o A Herdendorf

Lloyd Zastrow made a motion to accept the notice, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

**14. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance - FPP:**

Dinah Wallace - Wallace Trust

Gregg Patrick made a motion to accept the notice, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

**15. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (October):**

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures (October) was distributed. See attached. 2016 Cost Share Contract carry overs have been completed. 4, 2017 Cost Share Contracts have been carried over into 2018 with DATCP. The County Farm Lease bid has been accepted by the County Board for a lease cycle of 3 years. The State has approved the 2018 Grant Allocation Funds.

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

**Applications:** Gerry Kokkonen sent out two applications to interested parties. Both parties have gotten additional information. One of which submitted an interest form. Gerry Kokkonen will continue to follow up with these possible applications.

**17. Discussion on Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Report on Baseline Documentation for Easements:** Baseline Documentation has been completed for the year.

**18. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:**

Possible agenda items include: Items #9 - 11, 13 - 17

**19. Schedule Next Meeting:**

As a cost saving measure for the County, Gregg Patrick made a motion to postpone the LWCC meeting until February 21, 2018, Pete Hartz seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

- February 21, 2018 @ 8:00 in Room 112.

**20. Adjournment:**

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 am, Gregg Patrick seconded. Motion carried 6/0.