

# **Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes**

## **June 20, 2018**

**1. Call to Order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:00 am. Committee members Matt Foelker (Chairperson), Walt Christensen (Vice-Chairperson), Dan Herbst (UWEX Member), Mike Kelly (UWEX Member), Frank Anfang (FSA Rep), and Margaret Burlingham (Public Member) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; and J. Blair Ward, County Corporation Counsel. Ed Morse (Secretary) was excused.

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

A quorum was established.

**3. Overview of Open Meetings Law:**

J. Blair Ward, County Corporation Counsel gave an overview and clarification of Open Meetings Law for the new members and a refresher for the current members.

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

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

**5. Review of the June Agenda:**

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

**6. Approval of the May 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes:**

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the May 16, 2018 meeting minutes as written, Mike Kelly seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

**7. Public Comment:**

Public comment was received on item #8 (in re Livestock Facility Siting Program) of the agenda and a handout was distributed by a member of the public.

**8. Communications:**

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) June 2018 Report.
- Mark Watkins attended an appeal with the Livestock Siting Review Board.

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

NRCS didn't attend the meeting therefore a report was unavailable.

**10. Discussion on LWCD June 2018 Director's Report:**

Mark Watkins discussed the June 2018 Director's Report.

**11. Discussion on Land & Water Conservation Committee Training for Southern Area Association:**

Mark Watkins discussed the Conservation Committee Training being offered to County Supervisors.

**12. Discussion on Acronyms & Initials Regarding Partnering Agencies & Programs:**

A list of acronyms & initials was distributed.

**13. Discussion on Non-Metallic Program:**

Gerry Kokkonen gave an overview of the Non-Metallic Mining Program and answered committee questions.

**14. Discussion on 2017/2018 Annual Tree Sale Report:**

The 2017/2018 Annual Tree Sale Report was distributed.

**15. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):** There were no notices at this time.

**16. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP:**

There were no cancellations at this time.

**17. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (April):**

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures (April) was distributed and discussed.

**18. Discussion on Jefferson County Dairy Breakfast:**

The Dairy Breakfast was not attended by any LWCC members this year so a report is unavailable.

**19. Discussion on 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Farm Tour:**

Margaret Burlingham discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Farm Tour. The tour was hosted by Kutz Dairy, was well attended, and went smoothly.

**20. Discussion on Apple as the Earth Presentation:**

Margaret Burlingham performed the "Apple as the Earth" demonstration for the committee.

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

**Applications:** Margaret Burlingham outline the PACE program for the new committee members and distributed the PACE brochure. Walt Christensen made a motion to approve changes to the brochure to include more information, Dan Herbst seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

**22. Discussion on Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Report on Baseline Documentation for Easements:** Gerry Kokkonen will be collect baseline information the last week of June/first week of July 2018. Baseline documentation will be available at the next scheduled LWCC meeting.

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

Possible agenda items include: 2019 budget draft

**24. Next Scheduled Meeting:**

- July 18, 2018 @ 8:00 in Room 112

**25. Adjournment:**

Mike Kelly made a motion to adjourn at 9:14 am, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 6/0.