

Land & Water Conservation Committee

Minutes

March 17, 2010

1. Call to order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Burow at 8:30 a.m. Committee members Greg Torres, George Jaeckel, Carlton Zentner and Karen Christian were present. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Beth Klotz, LWCD; Patricia Cicero, LWCD; and Dennis Vollmer, NRCS were also in attendance.

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 March Agenda:

The March agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

5. Citizens Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

6. Review and Approval of the January Meeting Minutes:

Torres made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes as written, Jaeckel seconded. Motion carried, 5/0.

7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Dennis Vollmer discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. See attached.

8. County Farm Cropland Access / Lease Update

Watkins stated that the county farm lease, which expires in 2010, is adjustable. Several options were given regarding the lease and areas of difficult to access cropland.

Watkins stated that Dave Habeck had contacted him with access concerns for a portion of county farm land he is renting. Currently he is accessing the area via Old Countryside property. This may not always be permitted. Watkins distributed photos of the area. See attached.

There are other access limited areas on the county farm due to the new bypass that is being constructed.

It was decided that for the area being accessed via Old Countryside, Watkins should have a plan developed, get a couple of estimates and see if the DOT will cover the repair costs. If so, implement the repairs, if not, bring the issue back to the committee for further direction.

Torres moved and Jaeckel seconded to remove trees to allow access to the acreage currently inaccessible east and west of W and to seek reimbursement from the DOT for costs incurred for the project.

Zentner amended and Torres seconded the motion to include, put out for bid the removal of trees and stumps.

Zentner amended and Torres seconded the amended motion to include, ask the Jefferson County Parks Department if they could remove the trees at no charge.

Therefore the final motion was:

Torres moved and Jaeckel seconded to ask the Jefferson County Parks Department if they could remove the trees at no charge, if they cannot, then put out for bid the removal of trees and stumps to

allow access to the acreage currently inaccessible east and west of W and to seek reimbursement from the DOT for costs incurred for the project. Motion carried, 5/0.

- 9. Letter of Support for Rock Lake Improvement Association (RLIA) Grant Application Update**
A letter of support was written for the Rock Lake Improvement Association grant application. See attached. In the future, requests for letters of support will be reviewed by the LWCD and then brought before the committee for input. Burow thanked everyone for their efforts regarding this issue.
- 10. Working Lands Initiative Discussion**
Watkins stated that the funds were approved for creating the plan needed for the Working Lands Initiative. A \$30,000 grant was also obtained for the project. A meeting will be held with the consultant on March 29, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in room 203.
- 11. 2011 Department of Agriculture Operations Grant Application**
Watkins distributed a copy of the 2009 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Contract and a copy of the Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant Application for Calendar Year 2011. See attached. The total grant request for 2011 is \$398,104.00.
- 12. Forest Stewardship Management Plan**
The Forest Stewardship Management Plan was presented to the Committee. See attached.

Zentner moved and Torres seconded to accept and place on file the Forest Stewardship Management Plan. Motion carried, 5/0.

Zentner left the meeting at 9:53 a.m.
- 13. 2009 Wisconsin Deer Donation Tally**
Jefferson County had 29 deer processed at Pernat Premium Meats for the deer donation program. The venison was donated to the local food pantries. See attached.
- 14. Voluntary Notice of Non-Compliance**
Larry A Zastrow, Helenville, request to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program.

Burow moved and Torres seconded to approve Larry A Zastrow's application to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried, 4/0.
- 15. Land & Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plan Update**
The final draft of the Land & Water Resource Management Plan will be presented to the Land and Water Conservation Committee at the May meeting. It could be brought before the County Board at the June meeting and then forwarded to the State Land and Water Board for final approval/acceptance.
- 16. Quonset Hut Update**
The Jefferson County Parks Department has cut down and removed the trees from the Quonset hut. The Highway Department will collapse the hut, and fill in and reseed the area. The funds were carried forward for the project.
- 17. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) Financial Report**
The final close-out figures for 2009 were distributed. See attached. The LWCD came in below budget for 2009.
- 18. Correspondence:**
There was no correspondence at this time.
- 19. 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 Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 8:30 in Room 202. Possible

agenda items include: Monthly financial report, County Farm cropland access update, Quonset hut update, and LWRM Plan update, and Working Lands Initiative.

20. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Jaeckel and seconded by Torres at 10:03 a.m. Motion carried, 4/0.