

Land & Water Conservation Committee
Minutes
September 15, 2010

1. Call to order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Burow at 8:31 a.m. Committee members Walt Christensen, Carlton Zentner and Karen Christian were present. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Beth Klotz, LWCD; Patricia Cicero, LWCD; Dennis Vollmer, NRCS; Ken Hobbs, Steve Lewis, Phil Roou, Carl Glassford, Dave Gilberts, Joe Nehmer, Brendon Blank, Dave Gunlach and other members of the public 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 Agenda:

The agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

5. Review and Approval of the August Meeting Minutes:

Christensen made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes as written, Christian seconded. Motion carried, 4/0.

6. Citizens Comments:

Ken Hobbs, President of the Rock Lake Improvement Association (RLIA), stated that he would like to establish positive relationships with the county. He requested a letter of support from LWCD for in kind assistance with a grant that was applied for on August 1, 2010. He also requested LWCD staff involvement with meetings and activities. He thanked the LWCD for past involvement and help.

Joe Nehmer, Parks Department, stated that the Department of Transportation (DOT) is willing to extend the bike path from highways W to J to 18. They would pay the \$210,000 extension cost, but the county would be responsible for the maintenance at \$600 - \$900/mile/year. It would use approximately 2-2.7 acres of the county farm.

Steve Lewis, Bike Club, stated that this trail will take the pressure off the highways, can be used as a commuting trail, and can improve people's health and quality of life for the present and future.

7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

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

8. County Farm: Locating Potential Bike Path on County Farm

Watkins distributed a map of the potential bike path on the county farm, see attached. This would impact approximately 2 acres of crop land with a reduction in rent of approximately \$400 -\$450. The current county farm lease expires in October. The DOT will pay for the installation; the county would be responsible for maintenance.

Christensen moved to accept and approve the bicycle path on the county farm and forward it to County Board. Motion failed due to lack of second.

9. Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) Dues

Watkins informed the committee that the increase in the WLWCA dues to \$1400 was within the 2011 LWCD preliminary budgeted amount for dues. If there is a large inflation in the dues rate in the future this item could be brought back to the committee.

Zentner moved and Burow seconded to include the dues in the 2011 budget and will review the dues before the 2012 budget. Motion carried, 4/0.

10. Rock Lake Improvement Association (RLIA) Letter

Watkins stated that a letter was distributed, see attached. The RLIA would like to work with the LWCD in the future. Watkins is hesitating to assist with a grant that was already applied for on August 1, but would be willing to work on future grants. Therefore, the department will assist the RLIA as time will allow and at the discretion of the department Director.

11. Notice of Non-Compliance

There were no notices of non-compliance for this meeting.

12. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) Financial Report

Copies of the latest Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for the LWCD were distributed. See attached. The Department is on target with revenues and expenditures.

13. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence at this time.

14. 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, October 20, 2010 at 8:30 in Room 202. Possible agenda items include: Monthly financial report, Animal Crop Damage presentation from Dave Terrel.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Christensen and seconded by Christian at 9:53 a.m. Motion carried, 4/0.