

# Land & Water Conservation Committee

## Minutes

April 20, 2011

**1. Call to order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Burow at 8:32 a.m. Committee members Walt Christensen, Greg Torres and Carlton Zentner were also present. Scott Zimmerman arrived at 8:42 a.m.. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Beth Klotz, LWCD; Nancy Lannert, LWCD; Dennis Vollmer, NRCS; John Molinaro, Jan Roou, Milt Strauss and Larry Clark 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 April Agenda:**

The April agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

**5. Review and Approval of the March Meeting Minutes:**

Zentner made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes as written, Torres seconded. Motion carried, 4/0.

**6. Citizens Comments:**

There were no citizen comments.

**7. Rock Lake Improvement Association (RLIA) update – Milt Strauss and Larry Clark**

Larry Clark gave a brief history of the two current \$10,000.00 grants for the RLIA. The focus for RLIA is on building relationships and working together with the land owners and county to find the best use for the grants and find viable solutions, if available, for the watershed and ditch issues. Milt Strauss stated that phosphorus and bacteria are the two main problems.

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

Dennis Vollmer discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. See attached. Zentner requested that a balance sheet be presented at the next meeting showing the hours worked and wages expended by the LWCD on NRCS contract projects and revenue generated by the work.

**9. Town & Country Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. (RC&D) Representative**

At the March LWCC meeting it was requested that selection of the LWCC representative for the RC&D be placed on the next LWCC agenda for discussion. Walt Christensen is interested in being the representative.

Torres moved and Zentner seconded to appoint Walt Christensen to be the LWCD RC&D representative. Motion carried, 5/0.

**10. Notice of Non-Compliance with the Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)**

Ellen Messmer and Russell and Angla Nathan request to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program. These Voluntary Notices of Non-participation were entered into due to the landowners not taking the Farmland Preservation Tax Credit.

Zentner moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve Ellen Messmer and Russell and Angla Nathan's Voluntary Notices of Non-participation which will allow them to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program database. Motion carried 5/0.

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

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

**12. Correspondence:**

Watkins distributed a map of the proposed County Highway Shop location. This item will be placed on the May LWCC meeting agenda.

**13. 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, May 18, 2011 at 8:30 in Room 202. Possible agenda items include: Monthly financial report, NRCS contract cost breakdown, proposed Highway Department location on the county farm and Jefferson County Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan.

**14. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Zentner and seconded by Christensen at 9:28 a.m. Motion carried, 5/0.