

# Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC)

## Minutes

August 17, 2011

**1. Call to order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Burow at 8:34 a.m. Committee members Carlton Zentner and Scott Zimmerman were also present. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); and Beth Klotz, LWCD; John Molinaro, County Board Chairperson; and Jan Rouu 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 August agenda:**

The August agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

**5. Review and approval of the July 27, 2011 and August 3, 2011 meeting minutes:**

Zentner made a motion to approve the July 27, 2011 and August 3, 2011 meeting minutes as written, Zimmerman seconded. Motion carried, 3/0.

**6. Citizens comments:**

There were no citizen comments.

**7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report:**

Dennis Vollmer discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. They are finishing the 2011 EQIP payments. Not much is going on with WHIP and CSP. All but two of the 17 general CRP sign up contracts have been signed. Joe Strupp has completed eight of the 2011 CRP re-enrollments; NRCS is also doing eight of these. There are ten new CRP contracts that need to be completed by November 1, 2011. Vollmer also gave an overview of staff activities for the last month. There was no written report distributed.

**8. Discussion and possible action on proposed Highway Department location on the county farm:**

There is nothing to discuss on this item right now.

**9. Discussion and possible action on resolutions for proposed RFP on Highway Facility siting and land values**

John Molinaro stated that the person who performs the land evaluation, for \$3500, has been instructed to report the findings to the LWCC. The proposal for the Puerner Street findings will be reported to the Highway Committee. The committee was encouraged to attend Highway Committee meetings to comment on the RFP. A Class I notice will be published for the RFP. Zentner distributed a document containing his thoughts to the meeting attendees and also a copy of an editorial from the Daily Union. See attached. The potential size of the highway facility, and the salt sheds, were discussed. Molinaro will do his best to represent everyone's point of view.

**10. Discussion and possible action on LWCC meeting schedule:**

At the last meeting, Greg Torres had requested that the LWCC meet in the evening rather than the morning to accommodate his new work schedule. After discussion by the committee and meeting attendees, it was decided that the LWCC will continue meeting at their regularly scheduled time and see if Torres can work something out with his new employer.

**11. Budget amendment for the Venison Donation Program:**

The WI DNR has requested that the county, once again, participate in the Wisconsin Deer Donation Program. There would be an adjustment of \$8000 to the 2011 Jefferson WDACP Budget for this

program participation. This is a pass-through program and there is zero levy impact to the county for this program.

Zimmerman moved and Zentner seconded to enter into the Wisconsin Venison Donation program in 2011. Motion carried, 3/0.

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

Jeffrey Schollmeyer requested to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program.

Zimmerman moved and Zentner seconded to approve Jeffrey Schollmeyer's Voluntary Notice of Non-participation which will allow him to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program database. Motion carried, 3/0.

**13. 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.

**14. Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence at this time.

**15. Set next meeting and possible agenda items:**

It was decided by the members that the next scheduled meetings of the Land & Water Conservation Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 8:30 in Room 202. Possible agenda items include: Monthly financial report, discussion and possible action on proposed Highway Department location on the county farm, and discussion and possible action on information regarding land values.

**16. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Zentner and seconded by Zimmerman at 9:46 a.m. Motion carried, 3/0.