

**Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC)**  
**Minutes**  
**February 6, 2012**

**1. Call to order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Burow at 7:04 a.m. Committee members Walt Christensen, Ed Morse and Carlton Zentner were also present. County Board Chairman John Molinaro was also present. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Beth Klotz, LWCD; Phil Ristow, Corporation Counsel; Karyn Spory, Daily Union; Dave Terrall, USDA; and David Gundlach, 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 February agenda:**

The February agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

**5. Review and approval of the December meeting minutes:**

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

**6. Communications:**

There were no communications at this time.

**7. Citizens comments:**

There were no citizen comments.

**8. Discussion and possible action on highway facility study:**

Burow distributed and read a draft resolution to the LWCC. See attached. It was decided that the resolution should also include requests for information containing, but not limited to, alternative fuel storage, use of the South Woolcock parcel, roofing and codes, SEH options, possible multi-story buildings, re-efficiency of outdoor space, and alternative square footage regarding the Puerner site. Ristow will work with Christensen to draft the resolution that will be presented to the County Board on February 14.

Zentner moved and Christensen seconded to move this resolution, including the changes and additional list, to the County Board to be discussed at the February 14, 2012, County Board meeting. Motion carried, 4/0.

**9. Discussion and possible action on information land values study:**

The committee stated that they did not obtain all the information they requested, but they will address this on a future date.

**10. Wildlife Damage Abatement Program – Claim and program review – Dave Terrall**

Dave Terrall distributed a Jefferson County Wildlife Damage Program 2011 Claim Summary. See attached. Jaeckel Brothers' requested \$2422.93 reimbursement for geese damage and Alan Runyard requested \$572.11 reimbursement for deer damage.

Zentner moved and Burow seconded to approve payment of Jaeckel Brothers' \$2422.93 and Alan Runyard's \$572.11 damage claims as requested. Motion carried, 4/0.

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

David Gundlach discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. See attached.

**12. Discussion & possible action on the Town & Country RC&D membership:**

Watkins distributed an annual report and membership dues request to the committee. See attached. He recommended payment of the \$100 annual membership fee, which was included in the LWCD 2012 budget, for the Town & Country RC&D membership. Christensen stated that he intends to be more involved with this group.

Christensen moved and Burow seconded to release the \$100 membership funding for the 2012 Town & Country RC&D membership. Motion carried, 4/0.

**13. Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) staffing grant update**

Watkins informed the LWCC that there may be a reduction to the base DATCP staffing grant of \$10,000 in the 2013 budget. He will keep the committee informed of any status updates regarding this matter as they come into the LWCD.

**14. Highway 12 by-pass route update**

Molinaro stated that the Administration and Rules Committee did not forward another resolution to the County Board regarding the Highway 12 by-pass because they may be forwarding a resolution opposing any by-pass being built.

**15. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) financial report:**

Watkins reported that there is an approximate \$40,000 surplus in the 2011 LWCD budget due in part to employee contributions and reduction in the cost of the new vehicles.

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

It was decided by the members that the next scheduled meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 8:30 in Room 202. Possible agenda items include: Monthly financial report, discussion and possible action on proposed highway facility study, and discussion and possible action on information regarding land values.

**17. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Zentner and seconded by Burow at 8:58 a.m. Motion carried, 4/0.