

**Land & Water Conservation Committee
Minutes
April 17, 2013**

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Walt Christensen at 8:32 a.m. Committee members Sarah Bregant, Walt Christensen, Carlton Zentner, and Scott Zimmerman were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; John Molinaro, County Board Supervisor; and Dennis Vollmer, NRCS.

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

Scott Zimmerman made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes as written, Sarah Bregant seconded. Motion carried, 5/0.

6. Communications

There were no communications at this time.

7. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

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

9. Town & Country Meeting Update - Walt Christensen

This was the first meeting of the year. Topics discussed; the latest on biogas/biowaste energy.

10. Notice of Noncompliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

The annual certification process is 98% complete as of today (4/17/13). Voluntary Non-Participation: Rodell & Beverly Mallow, Helen Evans & Mary Schneider. Motion to accept Notices of Voluntary Non-Participation by Carlton Zentner, seconded by Sarah Bregant. Motion carried, 5/0.

11. Cancellation of Noncompliance – Farmland Preservation Program:

None at this time.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Highway Facility:

Update given by John Molinaro. The bank has accepted and set up an escrow account in the amount of \$37,500 for asbestos removal. The county is looking into hiring a Construction Manager to expedite the project and keep it on budget. Dodge County saved approximately \$400,000 by utilizing a Construction Manager. John Molinaro thinks it may be quite cost effective to go this route.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Land Values Study:

Nothing new at this time.

14. Update - Tree Sale Weather Distribution Delay:

Please see attached letter from Laura's Lane Nursery. Our tentative distribution dates are May 8 & May 9, 2013.

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

The most recent statements of revenues and expenditures were distributed. See attached. As of now we are right on track with the budget.

16. 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 May 15, 2013 at 8:30 in Room 202. Possible agenda items include: Updates on the Highway Department and Vehicle Usage Reports.

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Carlton Zentner and seconded by Scott Zimmerman at 9:01 a.m. Motion carried, 5/0.