

**Land & Water Conservation Committee  
Minutes  
December 18, 2013**

**1. Call to Order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Walt Christensen at 8:30 a.m. Committee members Sarah Bregant, Walt Christensen, Matthew Foelker, Carlton Zentner, and Scott Zimmerman (@ 8:35) were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; John Molinaro, County Board Chairman/Supervisor; Dave Terrell, USDA Wildlife Services; 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 December Agenda:**

The December agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

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

Matt Foelker made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as written, Sarah Bregant seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

**6. Communications: Mark Watkins**

The Southern Area Association has announced their winter meeting. A draft agenda was circulated.

**7. Citizen Comments:**

There were no citizen comments.

**8. Dave Terrell, United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services - 5 Year Cooperative Agreement Update:**

The agreement was reviewed and a discussion ensued. Matt Foelker made a motion to accept the agreement, Sarah Bregant seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

**9. Non-Metallic Mining Update - Gerry Kokkonen (LWCD):**

See attached. Gerry Kokkonen brought the committee up to date on the status of the BR Amon sites.

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

Dennis Vollmer discussed the NRCS report. See attached

**11. Notice of Noncompliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):**

Howard & Delores Webb - Scott Zimmerman made a motion to accept the notice, Matt Foelker seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

**12. Cancellation of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program:**

Rodell & Beverly Mallow, Donald Payne Trust, Claude & Irma Radermacher, Maryela Schelm - Matt Foelker made a motion to accept the notices, Scott Zimmerman seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

**13. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) Financial Report: Mark Watkins**

The most recent statements of revenues and expenditures were distributed. See attached. As of the end of November we are at 93.66% of our budget. We don't expect any overages this year and may come in below 100%. Most of our grant money has been received. We are expecting the MALWEG grant soon. All of our 2012 Cost Share Contracts have been paid out. Due to time and weather, all of the 2013 Contracts have been carried over into 2014.

**14. Will there be a January Meeting?**

The committee decided to forgo a January meeting.

**15. 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 February 19, 2014 at 8:30 in Room 112 (if available). Possible agenda items include: Annual vehicle report, WLWCA resolutions.

**16. Adjournment**

Matt Foelker made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 a.m., Sarah Bregant, seconded. Motion carried 5/0.