

Land & Water Conservation Committee
Minutes
February 19, 2014

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Walt Christensen at 8:30 a.m. Committee members Frank Anfang, Sarah Bregant, Walt Christensen, and Matthew Foelker were present. Carlton Zentner was excused. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Phil Ristow, Corporation Counsel; John Molinaro, County Board Chairman/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. Introduce New FSA Representative:

Walt Christensen introduced Frank Anfang to the committee.

5. Review of the February Agenda:

The February agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

6. Review and Approval of the December Meeting Minutes:

Matt Foelker made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes as written, Sarah Bregant seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

7. Communications:

There were no communications at this time.

8. Citizen Comments:

A citizen asked to speak in regard to agenda item # 9.

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. A citizen requested further information on the reclamation status of the former BR Amon Stark Pit. The citizen also asked who to contact in regard to the future of the reclamation. Gerry Kokkonen recommended that the citizen contact the LWCD office.

10. Final Revisions to the Animal Waste Storage Ordinance:

See attached. Phil Ristow brought an excerpt of West's Wisconsin Statutes from Westlaw. He submitted said form in support of our proposed revisions. We will submit the revisions to DATCP for their review and comment.

11. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Dennis Vollmer discussed the NRCS report. See attached

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

None at this time.

13. Cancellation of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

None at this time.

14. WLWCA Resolutions:

None at this time. Mark Watkins mentioned that the resolutions might be brought to the floor during the meeting in March.

15. 2014 WLWCA Election Ballot - Land & Water Conservation Board:

The committee voted for the following candidates; Charles Wagner, Joe Piechowski, and Dale Hood. Matt Foelker made a motion to approve the ballot, Sarah Bregant seconded. Motion carried 5/0. The ballot was then signed by Walt Christensen and will be submitted by Mark Watkins at the Annual WLWCA meeting in March.

16. Tree Sale Update: Kim Liakopoulos

As of 2/11/2014, 167 bundles of trees have sold with 205 remaining.

17. Annual Vehicle Report: Mark Watkins

See attached.

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

See attached. We are slightly over budget mostly due to items out of our control, i.e. health insurance.

19. 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 March 19, 2014 8:30 a.m. in Room 112. Possible agenda items include: DATCP's response to agenda item # 10.

20. Adjournment

Walt Christensen made a motion to adjourn at 9:49 a.m., Matt Foelker seconded. Motion carried 5/0.