

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 16, 2008

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by committee co-chairperson Greg Torres at 8:35. Committee member Karen Christian; Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation; Deb Miller, Administrative Clerk; Nancy Lannert, Resource Conservationist; Patricia Cicero, Water Resources Management Specialist; Zak Petitt, Intern were also present. Mr. Jim Mode was also in attendance.

2. Roll Call (establish a quorum):

Two officers were present to establish a quorum.

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meeting Law:

It was determined that the open meeting law was in compliance.

4. Review of the July Agenda:

The July agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

5. Citizen Comments:

Mr. Mode was present to address the committee regarding the gypsy moth problem at the Oak Ridge Trailer Park. His concerns were addressed under the Gypsy Moth agenda item.

6. Review and Approval of the June 25, 2008 Meeting Minutes:

Mrs. Christian made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes as written. Mr. Torres seconded. Motion Carried.

7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Mr. Resch was unable to attend the meeting however, he did provide the NRCS Report for the committee's review. A hand-out was provided. See attached report.

8. Potter's Field Report:

Ms. Lannert provided the members with an informative presentation. The power point slide show included the history of Potter's Field, pictures, projects past and future and improvements that have been done. She explained that the Potter's Field is a registered historical site and that the county has to be careful with any changes/improvements that are done in the area. Future projects may need to be reviewed and approved by the committee members. Information is available through the Land & Water Conservation Dept.

9. Jonas Farm Tile:

Mr. Watkins informed the committee that the water still needs to recede before getting any repair quotes. The project is on hold until conditions improve.

10. Lower Spring Lake Proposed Resolution:

Ms. Cicero gave an update on the Lower Spring Lake Project Resolution. She has been in touch with Susan Graham and more time is needed to establish which steps to take regarding the grant. Ms. Cicero recommends waiting until the February deadline to apply for the grant.

The decision of the members is to wait for additional information before making a motion to accept the resolution. When approved by the committee, it will go before the county board. The county board will need to review and approve the resolution by November to give Ms. Cicero time to apply for the February grant deadline. A hand-out was provided. See attached.

11. Gypsy Moth Update and Proposed Resolution:

Mr. Watkins informed the group that the proposed resolution was reviewed by corporation counsel. The resolution is authorizing the county to participate in the DNR Gypsy Moth Suppression Program by designating a county coordinator. The committee members need to approve the resolution in order to pass it on to the county board. Mr. Mode attended the meeting as a spokesperson for the Oak Ridge Trailer Park, which is in his district. He expressed how bad and messy the gypsy moths are and that the residents own the trailers but not the land. Mr. Watkins said that it is around \$35.00 per acre to spray for the gypsy moths. Mrs. Christian made a motion to approve the resolution and pass it on to the county board for approval. Mr. Torres seconded. Motion carried. A hand-out was provided. See attached.

12. Current 2008 Budget Revenue & Expenditures Review:

The committee members were mailed a six month 2008 Budget Revenue and Expenditure report for their review. Mr. Watkins combined this item with agenda item number 13. A hand-out was provided. See attached.

13. 2009 Budget Request:

Mr. Watkins discussed the proposed budget request. The Land and Water Conservation Department is only about 1% of the total county budget. The county cost-share dollars may have to be reduced due to budget restrictions. However, since there was heavy rain this past month, there may be greater need for cost-share projects such as waterways, and shoreline erosion.

14. Southern Area Tour:

Mr. Watkins once again invited the group to attend the Southern Area Tour. He provided the members with an agenda. A hand-out was provided. See attached.

15. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence for the meeting.

16. Set next meeting and possible agenda items:

It was decided by the committee that the next meeting of the Jefferson LWCC will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 in room 202. Possible agenda items include: Gypsy Moth & Jonas Farm.

17. Adjourn:

Motion was made to adjourn by Mrs. Christian & seconded by Mr. Torres at 9:35 am. Motion carried.