

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
Wednesday, October 12, 2011 9:30am
County Board Room

Call to order
Approve Agenda
Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Public Comments

Wildlife Damage Program – (discussion/action)
-program updates

Budget Review – (discussion/action)
-LWRD additional levy request justification
-Review and approve LWRD budget

Voucher Review and Financial Reports (discussion only)
-Review bill sheet

Directors Report (discussion only)
-Other items

Agency Reports
-DNR-Forestry/Wildlife
-NRCS-Keith Zygowicz
-FSA-Aaron Moore
-UWEX-Jennifer Blazek

Committee Observances (discussion only)

Presentation by Staff Person (time permitting)

Adjournment

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Polk County Land Conservation Committee

Dean Johansen, Chair Herschel Brown, Vice Chair Wendy Rattel, Secretary Larry Jepsen Ted Johnson, FSA Rep.

Polk County Land Conservation Committee

The Land Conservation Committee met October 12, 2011 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Dean Johansen, Herschel Brown, Larry Jepsen, Wendy Rattel
Ted Johnson, FSA Rep.

LWRD Staff: Tim Ritten, Becky Burkhardt and Patti Andersen

Media: Gregg Westigard

Others: Dana Frye, DOA
Janette Cain, DNR
Keith Zygowicz, NRCS

Chairman Johansen called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. **Motion (Brown/Jepsen) to approve the agenda. Motion (Jepsen/Rattel) to approve the September minutes. Both motions passed.**

Public Comments. None

Wildlife Damage Program. No updates at this time.

Budget Review. Discussion held on additional levy request of \$10,000 to produce educational DVDs on conservation practices. **Motion (Johansen/Jepsen) to approve additional levy request budget item and forwarding to Finance Committee. Motion passed.**

Discussion held on balance of budget. **Motion (Brown/Jepsen) to approve LWRD budget as presented and to forward to Finance Committee. Motion carried.**

Voucher Review and Financial Reports Burkhardt handed out the voucher report for committee members to review.

Director's Report

- LWRD entered into an agreement with Washington Co MN for 40 hrs of work for \$1000, for Lake St. Croix Total Maximum Daily Load project inventory
- Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Citizen Engagement Strategy meeting was held at Interstate Park on Sept. 29.
- Polk County Association of Lakes and Rivers (PCALR) meeting was Sept. 21. Discussion held on how PCALR can assist LWRD in achieving Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) grant objectives, including Fellow Sportsmen signs, AIS Present Warning signs, Hwy 8 billboard, CBCW for younger kids program.
- LWRD has forwarded a Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) grant extension letter and form to the DNR for former Notice of Noncompliance site manure pit closure, and a TRM grant application for a manure storage facility ranked 3rd and may be funded
- Director attended manure spill training held in Eau Claire County last week
- Polk County has a new "biggest manure pit in the county" – 7.5 million gallons

- West Central Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association Fall Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19, at the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire
- Citation was issued for one nonmetallic mine where the owner refused to comply with financial assurance requirements

Agency Report:

DNR Forestry/Wildlife – Janette Cain distributed information about DNR tree sales, stating tree sales are down. Cain also handed out buckthorn pamphlet informing committee about the need to educate people on this invasive threat to Polk County.

NRCS – Keith Zygowicz distributed and discussed a position announcement for a Farm Bill Biologist position opening in the Northwest area of Wisconsin. He also discussed new financial assistance available in the Northwest Blow-Down area.

Committee Observances. Larry Jepsen discussed an exclusive ag enterprise area meeting he attended stating it was very informative, covering many aspects of agriculture and ways to preserve the land.

Presentation by Staff Person: Katelin Holm, Information and Educational Specialist, discussed the Big, Round (Wind) and Church Pine (CPRB) Lake Planning Grant

Adjournment – Motion (Brown/Johnson) to adjourn meeting at 11:05. Motion passed.
