

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
Wednesday, July, 13, 2011 9:30am
County Board Room

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

Wildlife Damage Program - Cindy Blonk
-Program updates (discussion only)

Forfeiture Schedule for violations of Amended Illegal Transport of Aquatic Plants and Invasive Animals Ordinance and inclusion of said Ordinance in the Uniform Citation Ordinance – (discussion/action)

Inclusion of Manure and Water Quality Management Ordinance, Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation Ordinance, and Stormwater and Erosion Control Ordinance in the Uniform Citation Ordinance – (discussion/action)
-add ordinances to Sec. 3.0 of Unified Citation Ordinance

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

Budget Review – (discussion/action)
-Review 2012 LWRD Budget

Directors Report (discussion only)
-Other items

Memorandum of Understanding – (discussion/action)
-MOU between NRCS and LWRD/LCC

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.

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The Land Conservation Committee met July 13, 2011 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Herschel Brown, Wendy Rattel, and Ted Johnson, FSA Rep.

Absent: Dean Johansen and Larry Jepsen

LWRD Staff: Tim Ritten and Patti Andersen

Others: Malia Malone, Corporation Counsel Office

In absence of Chairman Johansen, Vice Chairman Brown called meeting to order at 9:32. **Motion (Johnson/Rattel) to approve the agenda. Motion (Rattel/Johnson) to approve the June minutes. Both motions carried unanimously.**

Public Comment. None

Wildlife Damage. No issues to report

Forfeiture Schedule for violations of Amended Illegal Transport of Aquatic Plants and Invasive Animals Ordinance and inclusion of said Ordinance in the Uniform Citation Ordinance

Malone led discussion on Noncriminal Forfeiture schedule. Court costs vary by forfeiture amount and are updated every two years. It was concluded that current LWRD forfeiture schedule needs to be updated with current court cost amounts.

Motion made (Johnson/Rattel) to include the Amended Illegal Transport of Aquatic Plants and Invasive Animals Ordinance in the Uniform Citation Ordinance and to set the citation amount at \$250 plus appropriate court costs. If it is discovered that repeat offenders don't change behavior then progressively higher citation amounts may be considered for adoption at a later date.

Inclusion of Manure and Water Quality Management Ordinance, Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation Ordinance, and Stormwater and Erosion Control Ordinance in the Uniform Citation Ordinance -

Discussion held on ordinances that should be added to Uniform Citation Ordinance. Motion made (Johnson/Rattel) and seconded to include Manure and Water Quality Management Ordinance, Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation Ordinance and Stormwater and Erosion Control Ordinance in the Uniform Citation Ordinance. A resolution will be drawn up by Malone to present before county board, August 11, 2011.

Voucher Review. Ritten handed out the voucher report for committee members to review.

Agency Reports

NRCS – Zygowicz stated his office has written 20 CRP plans. NRCS office received calls on wetland violation issues. If violator is not in a USDA program, NRCS has no jurisdiction.

FSA – Moore stated his office is finishing crop reporting with crops looking good despite the late spring planting. County committee election is currently being held in the southeast part of the county. There is a claims process currently being held for any Hispanic or woman who was denied a loan from 1981 to 2001. Anyone who attempted to apply for a loan during that time and were denied can get a claims packet to fill out and submit.

Budget Review – Review 2012 LWRD Budget – Ritten handed out and discussed the LWRD budget and fee schedule for 2012.

Director’s Report:

- Tim attended a Sherriff Dept staff meeting to discuss the importance of, and enforcement of, the Aquatic Invasive Species Transport Ordinance.
- Pike Lake eurasian water milfoil found outside of last year’s treatment area was hand pulled by Jeremy and another scuba diver
- Jeremy scuba dove in Bass Lake in St. Croix County to see how bad the zebra mussel infestation is and found it to be completely infested. There are no treatment options and the best we can hope for is to contain them in that lake, which is unfortunately only 7 miles from Cedar Lake.
- The first Farmland Preservation Agreement application under the Squaw Lake Agricultural Enterprise Area has been received for 240 acres.

Memorandum of Understanding Discussion held on Memorandum of Understanding between NRCS and LWRD/LCC. Vice Chairman Brown signed MOU in absence of Chairman Johansen.

Committee Observances None

Motion to adjourn (Johansen/Rattel). Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.
