

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
Wednesday, July 15, 2009, 8:30am
County Board Room

Call to order

Approve Agenda
Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Public Comments

Agency Reports

- DNR-Forestry/Wildlife
- NRCS-Keith Zygowicz
- FSA-Bob Forrest
- UWEX-Ryan Sterry

Wildlife Damage - Cindy Blonk

- Program updates (discussion only)

Polk County Land & Water Management Plan – update (discussion only)

Preliminary 2010 Staffing Plan and Budget (discussion/possible action)

Voucher Review and Financial Reports (discussion/action)

- Sign bill sheet

Farmland Preservation (discussion/action)

- Resolution for New applications for Farmland Preservation Agreements
Arnold J. & Rebecca Berquam 212.76 acres
Leonard E. Jr. & Merle L. Swenson 199.74 acres

Directors Report (discussion only)

- Other items

Committee Observances (discussion only)

Presentation by staff person, (time permitting)

Adjournment

This meeting is open to the public according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.83. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend and/or participate are asked to notify the County Clerks office (715-485-9226) at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time so all reasonable accommodations can be made. Requests are confidential.

Polk County Land Conservation Committee

The Land Conservation Committee met July 15, 2009 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Larry Jepsen, Diane Stoneking, Dean Johansen and Ted Johnson, FSA Representative. Kathryn Kienholz – absent.

LWRD Staff: Tim Ritten and Becky Burkhardt; Rebecca Fredrickson took minutes.

8:34 a.m. Chairman Jepsen called the meeting to order. **Motion (Johansen/Stoneking) to approve the Agenda. Motion (Stoneking/Johnson) to approve the June minutes. Both Motions carried.**

Public Comment. None

Agency Reports. Ted Johnson advised the LCC that Bob Forrest's last day will be July 16, 2009.

Land & Water Management Plan. Amy Kelsey had done all the work on the Plan up to her resignation. In the interest of time and efficiency, we have contracted with her to finish the Plan for LWRD. A public hearing is being scheduled for August 3, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Preliminary 2010 Staffing Plan and Budget. Tim reviewed the staffing plan with the LCC. **Motion (Stoneking/Johansen) to approve the draft 2010 Staffing Plan and Budget. Motion carried.**

Voucher Review. Voucher Report reviewed. **Motion (Stoneking/Johnson) to approve invoices for \$6,862.26. Motion carried.**

Farmland Preservation. LWRD has been working with two new FPP contract applicants and now has signed agreements. **Motion (Johnson/Johansen) to approve the Farmland Preservation Agreements for Arnold and Rebecca Berquam (212.76 acres) and Leonard Swenson Jr. and Merle Swenson (199.74) acres. Motion carried.**

Director's Report.

- Jeremy and Dave made presentations at the Bone Lake "Lake Fair"
- Jeremy – conducted landscaper training June 26, attended the Wild Goose Lake Annual Meeting July 11, 2009 and did AIS grant work with pontoon classes on Wild Goose; he will also attend Lucky Days July 18, and will work with the Frederic Park Board on a Coon Lake Management Plan Grant
- Polk Co. Fair – LWRD will have 1 table display with AIS information and handouts
- Tim made an AIS presentation and managed an AIS display table at the NW Wisconsin Lakes Conference at Cable June 19th
- LWRD County Tour – Tim is working on the itinerary for the August 31st tour (it will concentrate on the southern half of the county)
- Japanese Knotweed – Tim talked with LCC on this very invasive weed, including showing them a live plant, photos and handouts. LWRD staff has documented Japanese Knotweed at several county sites
- LWRD is developing an Agreement with NRCS for LWRD certified staff to review 15 Nutrient Management Plans
- Tim and Jeremy visited the Traynor property; Jeremy concluded it would not be considered a wetland area
- Hogans sent a check to LWRD for \$8,148.40 to cover the cost of the removed cost-shared practice in the Balsam Branch Watershed; LWRD must return the money to the DNR. Hogans are working with a local landscaper who is designing a 35' buffer and rain gardens
- Dave Peterson is working on a manure issue by Deer Lake; the progress is slow

- Turkey manure is being hauled from Birchwood (Barron Co.) and spread on Polk Co. fields; there is concern over spreading way over the recommended phosphorous levels
- NMM – Reclamation updates: Nothing to note re Laketown Quarry. Regarding Kraemer, the Town has passed a NMM Ordinance for all aspects of mining and is considering a ban on all basalt mining
- A 4-day work week has been discussed –concerns are child care, extra costs, etc.
- Lake Grants – As discussed previously, LWRD has worked with Tonya and switched the grant money into non-lapsing accounts; however, there is a new term being used which is not “non-lapsing” and this hopefully will not cause a problem later
- Consolidation – it should be noted that the second most popular merger idea is consolidating LWRD and Land Information. Clarification needs to be made that the two departments don’t do anything the same, plus the staff in each department are uniquely educated/trained for their positions and work requirements.

Committee Observations. Dean was given notice through the Town regarding a meeting at Bakke Norman law firm where Mr. Ihrig was presenting information concerning a movement to get mining in Polk County run by the Towns.

Ted described attending the Paul & Sherrill Schottler easement dedication June 24th. The Schottler easement includes 162 acres of land and a small lake, which will never be developed. The evening was very interesting and provided information on protecting working lands and open space in Western Wisconsin.

Motion to adjourn (Stoneking/Johansen). Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.
