

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
Wednesday, September 9, 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-Kathy Brihn-Interim
- UWEX-Ryan Sterry

Wildlife Damage Program - Cindy Blonk

- Program updates (discussion only)

Rapid Response Grant Application – (discussion/action)

2010 Staffing Plan and Budget - (discussion only)

Voucher Review and Financial Reports (discussion/action)

- Sign bill sheet

Directors Report (discussion only)

- Other items

Committee Observances (discussion only)

Adjournment

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Polk County Land Conservation Committee

The Land Conservation Committee met September 9, 2009 in the County Board Room.

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

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

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

Public Comment. None

Agency Reports. Ted Johnson advised the LCC that the FSA has hired Aaron Moore, as the new County Executive Director. Mr. Moore attended UW-River Falls and is currently employed in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and will join the Balsam Lake office in a few weeks.

Rapid Response Grant Application. Eric Wojchik has prepared this application which requests grant funds for the control of Japanese Knotweed for staff hours to inform, educate, map, eradicate, document and monitor this invasive. **Motion (Johnson/Stoneking) to approve the Rapid Response Grant Application and send the Resolution on to County Board for approval. Motion carried.**

2010 Staffing Plan and Budget. Finance has determined LWRD cannot replace Amy Kelsey's position for 2010 and revenues are available for only part of 2010 for Scott Geddes Environmental Engineer position. Tim will present more information during the appeal process in October.

Voucher Review. The Voucher Report was reviewed. **Motion (Kienholz/Johansen) to approve invoices for \$23,823.03. Motion carried.**

Director's Report.

- NRCS and LWRD will be working on 15 Nutrient Management Plans.
- LWRD will be sending notice to a landowner re turkey manure being hauled in from Birchwood, Wisc.
- A Garfield landowner will be working with LWRD on a permit for a manure transfer system.
- Nonmetallic Mining – There are no new developments re the Laketown Quarry. The Kraemer Mine Special Exception public hearing will be October 21, 2009, with a site visit followed by the hearing.
- Amery Gully – The landowner has not paid his share of the agreement. LWRD is not able to pay the contractor until the landowner shows proof of payment. The procedure for non-payment to a contractor is being reviewed by Jeff Fuge.
- Land and Water Management Plan – Several people attended the Public Hearing August 24, 2009; several good comments were received.
- FPP – Polk has FPP Agreements that were not accepted by DATCP after the Governor signed legislation 6/30/09 implementing the Working Lands Initiative. DATCP did not notify counties of the impact the June 30th date for FPP contracts. This issue is being reviewed by several counties.
- Tim will be attending the County Conservationist meeting Sept. 10-11 in Stevens Point.
- Polk Co. hosts Tri-County Soil Judging October 15, 2009; we need LCC volunteers to attend.
- Tim thanked the LCC for attending the County Tour August 31st.

Committee Observations.

Diane Stoneking – lake residents asking how to dispose of leaves; discussion of options.

Dean Johansen – discussed the Little Butternut annexation of county property; this will come up at the next County Board meeting.

Motion to adjourn (Johnson/Kienholz). Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.
