

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
Wednesday, October 14, 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-Aaron Moore
- UWEX-Ryan Sterry

Wildlife Damage Program - Cindy Blonk

- Program updates (discussion only)

WLWCA West Central Meeting and Annual Meeting

- West Central meeting October 29 at Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire (includes speaking contest)
- Annual meeting December 9 – 10 at La Crosse Center in La Crosse (need proxy if chair absent)

Polk County hosting Tri-County Soil Judging Contest – October 15

- Contest at local farm in the morning
- Lunch and awards at Legion Hall in Balsam Lake at 12:30

2010 Staffing Plan, Budget and appeal - (discussion only)

Voucher Review and Financial Reports (discussion/action)

- Sign bill sheet

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 October 14, 2009 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Larry Jepsen, Diane Stoneking, Dean Johansen, and Kathryn Kienholz.

Absent: Ted Johnson, FSA Representative.

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

8:35 a.m. Chairman Jepsen called the meeting to order. **Motion (Johansen/Kienholz) to approve the Agenda. Motion (Kienholz/Johansen) to approve the September minutes. Both Motions carried.**

Public Comment. None

Agency Reports. Aaron Moore, the new FSA County Executive Director, introduced himself to the LCC and gave a summary of his background and an update on FSA programs.

Janette Cain - DNR Forester – reported the 2010 DNR tree orders are available and encouraged everyone to promote tree planting.

Keith Zygowicz – NRCS, noted the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) rewards landowners for past good deeds and is new to the county. We have 6 applicants to date and expect more information in the future. A handout re “Certification of Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Cooperator” was distributed and can be signed by Tim Ritten or the LCC chair.

WLWCA. The West Central meeting is set for October 29 in Eau Claire and will include a meeting and the speaking contest competition. The 56th Annual Conference statewide meeting will be held in La Crosse December 9-10, 2009 – handouts given to the LCC noting the signup deadline is November 6th.

Tri-County Soil Judging. Polk County is the 2009 host for the competition tomorrow, October 15. Larry will attend to hand out trophies (Diane and Kathryn will be backups).

2010 Staffing Plan and Budget. Discussion.

Voucher Review. Review Voucher Report; discussion re Clerk of Court of Appeals bill. Break 9:17 a.m.– Resume 9:25 a.m. After discussion with Jeff Fuge, the LCC was advised to approve payment of the Court of Appeals filing fee now and later request Finance Committee pay the fee from the contingency fund. **Motion (Kienholz/Johansen) to approve invoices for \$12,337.97 and motion to request the Finance Committee reimburse LWRD the Clerk of Court of Appeals legal filing fee of \$195.00 from the contingency fund. Motion failed. Discussion. Motion (Johansen/Kienholz) made to revisit the past action and resubmit the motion for a vote. Motion carried.**

Director’s Report.

- Laketown Quarry – The 2 cases regarding the road agreement and moratorium have been dropped.
- Tim attended the County Conservationist meeting and Working Lands Initiative update meeting.
- LWRD has sent letters to farmers re complaints received concerning turkey manure issues.
- Tim made a presentation to the St. Croix River Association, including education on what LWRD does.
- The Rapid Response Grant to control Japanese Knotweed has been approved by the DNR.
- Amy Kelsey is making final changes to the LWM Plan; Tim will be before the State Land & Water Board in early December and then present to the Polk County Board at the December meeting.

Presentation. Tim presented “Lakes Making People Sick; Stinking Up a City” – Channel 13 coverage of the air and water quality and blue-green algae in Tainter Lake and Lake Menomin, Dunn County.

Motion to adjourn (Kienholz/Jepsen). Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Pending approval by the LCC at the next meeting