

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin

*****NOTE DATE CHANGE*****

Monday, November 2, 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

- Wildlife Services Bear Trapping Agreement for 2010(discussion/action)
- Plan of Administration(discussion/action)
- Program updates (discussion only)

WLWCA Annual Meeting

- Annual meeting December 9 – 10 at La Crosse Center in La Crosse

Review Lake Grants/Projects for 2010 (discussion only)

2010 Staffing Plan, Budget - (discussion only)

Voucher Review and Financial Reports (discussion/action)

- Sign bill sheet

Horse Creek Watershed – Extend cost-share contracts (discussion/action)

Geibel Cost Share Agreement – Payment (discussion/action)

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 November 2, 2009 in the County Board Room.

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

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

8:33 a.m. Chairman Jepsen called the meeting to order. **Motion (Stoneking/Johnson) to approve the Agenda. Motion (Stoneking/Kienholz) to approve the October minutes. Both Motions carried.**

Public Comment. None

Agency Reports. Keith Zygowicz – NRCS. A new draft USDA form was presented re compliance with personal information; LWRD to review, revise and obtain signature. An update of the Conservation Stewardship Program was given. EQIP priorities are being reviewed by the local group; a late December EQIP signup is expected.

Wildlife Damage. Cindy Blonk handed out the Wildlife Service Agreement for bear trapping in Polk County. The annual fee is \$975. **Motion (Johnson/Kienholz) to approve the Wildlife Service Agreement. Motion carried.** Highlighted changes to the Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Program Plan of Administration for Polk County was also reviewed and discussed. **Motion (Kienholz/Diane) for Polk County to accept the Wildlife Damage Program Plan of Administration, as revised. Motion carried.** An updated list for the 2009 Wildlife Damage Program Participants and the 2009 list of deer processors in Polk County was provided for review.

WLWCA. Reminder: the WLWCA Annual Conference will be held in La Crosse December 9-10, 2009.

Lake Grants/Projects for 2010 – Review. Tim reviewed the workload re various lake grants/projects:
Lotus and Horse Lake –final write ups/reports need to be completed
Wild Goose and Ward Lake – Write up and presentation needed
Butternut – we are working on 2 grants
AIS – 2 grants: monitoring and control
Pipe Lake – they are contracting with us for work
Coon, Long and Loveless Lakes – each have requested help with writing the grants they are pursuing

2010 Staffing Plan and Budget. PCALR is working on getting the Information/Education job filled at full-time. Discussion: possibly using funds from the general fund, and presenting a resolution at County Board for funding the I&E job fulltime.

Voucher Review. Review Voucher Report; discussion. **Motion (Stoneking/Kienholz) to approve the voucher report total of \$13,242.94. Motion carried.**

Horse Creek Watershed. The watershed closes December 31, 2009. We are requesting to carryover the money in order to finish signed contract projects in 2010.

Giebel Cost Share Agreement. Discussion of this unpaid project. **Motion (Johnson/Stoneking) to approve payment due the contractor. Motion carried.**

Director's Report.

- The Tri-County Soil Judging contest went very well. Thank you to Kathryn for presenting awards.
- Turkey Manure complaints – some landowners have been in to meet with Dave Peterson.
- LWM Plan – The Plan will be sent to DATCP; Tim will present to the Land & Water Board 12/1/09.
- Eric W. has located more sites with Japanese Knotweed.
- Kraemer Mine – the hearing was completed in two days.
- Laketown Quarry – still in the judicial review process.
- WCL&W Conservation meeting – at the meeting Tim spoke with county conservationists re hard rock quarries; other counties have increased their fee structure. Celia Becker won 1st place in the poster contest and her poster will go on to state to be judged.
- December LCC – A different date is needed for the December meeting due to a conflict with the WLWCA Annual Conference. It was agreed the December meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on December 3rd.

Motion to adjourn (Johnson/Kienholz). Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.
