

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
Wednesday, December 14, 2011 9:30am
County Board Room

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

Vote for Secretary of LCC Committee (if not done at Lime Quarry meeting)

Wildlife Damage Program – (discussion only)
-Program updates

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

Director's Report (discussion only)
-Other items

Agency Reports
-DNR-Forestry/Wildlife
-NRCS-Keith Zygowicz
-FSA-Aaron Moore

Committee Observances (discussion only)

Presentation by Staff Person (time permitting)

Adjournment

Committee note: Herschel Brown will bring treats

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Polk County Land Conservation Committee

Dean Johansen, Chair Herschel Brown, Vice Chair Randy Korb Larry Jepsen Ted Johnson, FSA Rep.

Polk County Land Conservation Committee

The Land Conservation Committee met December 14, 2011 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Dean Johansen, Herschel Brown, Larry Jepsen,
Ted Johnson, FSA Rep.

LWRD Staff: Tim Ritten, Becky Burkhardt and Patti Andersen

Others: Paul Heimstead, DNR Forester and Aaron Moore, FSA Director
Michelle Carlyle, DNR Wildlife Biologist and Josh Nemek, Farmbill Biologist

Chairman Johansen called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. **Motion (Johnson/Brown) to approve the agenda; carried. Motion (Jepsen/Johnson) to approve the November 9 minutes. Both motions carried.**

Public Comments. None

Vote for Secretary of LCC Committee: Motion made and seconded from Lime Quarry Meeting that Randy Korb is new Secretary of LCC Committee.

Wildlife Damage Program. No discussion.

Voucher Review and Financial Reports Burkhardt handed out the voucher report for committee members to review.

Director's Report

Education Projects

- Katelin working on a grant to get a billboard to advertise the Illegal to Transport Ordinance on Hwy 8.
- Katelin is working on using existing AIS grant money to use a billboard on Hwy 87.

Lake Projects

- Land and Water Resources Department (LWRD) staff has been working on finishing the final reports for Coon Lake, Big Butternut, the Aquatic Invasive Species Control and Japanese Knotweed Control grants.
- Construction of a ½ acre runoff control pond at Pipe Lake has been completed.
- Construction of a small runoff control pond on the west side of Bone Lake is underway.
- A large runoff control pond on the north end of Bone Lake may also be constructed this year.

Agricultural Projects

- A historically problematic manure pit near Clayton is being properly closed and is no longer a threat to the environment.
- Two LWRD employees attended a St. Croix Total Maximum Daily Load meeting at Interstate Park to learn how a project in Iowa managed to get farmers involved in helping lead the effort to get other farmers to adopt conservation practices to reduce runoff.

Miscellaneous

- Director Ritten, attended the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) annual meeting held in Wisconsin Dells on December 8 – 9.
- Pre trial conference was held at Corp Counsel Office involving the nonmetallic mine operator who received the citation, myself (TR) and Mr. Fuge. No resolution was obtained and the case is going to court.

Agency Reports:

DNR: Michelle Carlyle, DNR Wildlife Biologist, introduced Josh Nemek, the new Farmbill Biologist working with 10 counties in Northwest Wisconsin. Paul Heimstead, DNR Forester, discussed the economics of the trees blown down by the summer storms in Burnett and Polk County.

FSA: Aaron Moore, Director, discussed the county committee election which resulted in Dale Wood from Clear Lake being re-elected. Ted Johnson, Star Prairie, was still the FSA Chairman for 2012.

Committee Observances. None

Presentation by Staff Person: Jeremy Williamson, Water Quality Specialist, gave a powerpoint presentation on Data Lake Management.

Adjournment – Motion (Brown/Jepsen) to adjourn meeting at 11:05. Motion passed.
