

Polk County Land Conservation Committee

The Land Conservation Committee met December 15, 2008 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Diane Stoneking, Dean Johansen and Ted Johnson, FSA Representative.
LWRD Staff: Tim Ritten, Becky Burkhardt took minutes.

Vice Chairman Stoneking called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. **Motion (Johnson/Johansen) to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion (Johnson/Johansen) to approve the November 7th LCC Meeting minutes and the November 14th Special Meeting of the LCC minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment. None

Agency Reports. None

Consideration of agreement with Bone Lake Management District. A discussion was held re Bone Lake would like to hire 20 high school students to work on the Clean Boats/Clean Water Project. Andrea Jerrick was at the meeting briefly to discuss that it might be possible to have them paid out of the Polk County payroll as contracted employees. Andrea would like to have meeting with the Bone Lake representatives, Tim Ritten, Tonya Weinert and herself to discuss the details.

Nonmetallic mine reclamation plan updates.

Jeff Fuge came at 10:25 a.m. Jeff Fuge told the committee there is a contested case pre-hearing conference on December 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the county board room. Jeff will submit the invoice from Ms. Dorn-Cutler to be paid from his office but would like the committee to look over the invoice and decide if all items on the invoice are correct before payment is made to her.

Department Head Evaluation Process. Tim handed out copies of his job description, cover letter and performance objectives to the committee for their review. Tim's evaluation will be at the January LCC Meeting.

Land & Water Resources Update.

- Lincoln storm water erosion control problem – problem has been alleviated, no citation at this time.

Forfeiture Schedule Modification. Tim discussed the need to add another item to the schedule. **Motion by (Johansen/Johnson) to modify the Forfeiture schedule by adding Violations of Conditions of Specified Permit (1) stormwater permit (2) erosion control permit (3) manure storage and feedlot permits. Motion carried unanimously.**

Wildlife Damage Updates. Cindy Blonk talked about the need to set the 2008 Wildlife Damage Program closure date. She stated that 85 to 90 percent of the crops have been harvested. **Motion by (Johnson/Johansen) to set the closure deadline date of December 31st. Motion carried unanimously.**

Cindy also updated the committee on the Wisconsin Deer Donation Program. We have 3 meat markets that are participating in the program, Amery Meat Market, Van Meters in Luck and Swanks in St. Croix Falls. All the meat processed goes to the local food shelves.

Land and Water Management Plan. The process has begun, as this plan needs to be updated every 5 years. The department is organizing the citizen's advisory committee to help develop ideas for the plan. Amy Kelsey of the LWRD office will be writing the plan.

Resolution to Restructure Extension, Land and Water Resources and Lime Quarry Committee.

A lengthy discussion incurred on this subject. It was decided that the committee would not make a resolution to restructure these committees. It would be brought up for discussion/action at the December 16th county board meeting.

Invoices. Voucher Report reviewed. **Motion (Johnson/Johansen) to approve the invoices totaling \$44,964.83. Motion carried unanimously.**

Director's Report.

- Alden EAZ will be going to the county board.
- PCALR – Discussion on Land and Water Plan.
- WLWCA 55th Annual Meeting was held on Dec. 10-12, Diane, Kathryn and Tim attended and reported that the conference was informative.

Motion to adjourn (Johnson/Johansen). Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.
