

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 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
- JWEX-Ryan Sterry

Wildlife Damage Program - Cindy Blonk

- Set 2009 Wildlife Damage Program Grain Prices (discussion/action)
- Program updates (discussion only)

Burnett Contract – (discussion/action)

- Review contract for technical services to Burnett County for 2010

Polk Co. Land & Water Resource Mgmt Plan (discussion only)

- County Board Resolution for Jan. meeting

Voucher Review and Financial Reports (discussion/action)

- Sign bill sheet

Directors Report (discussion only)

- Other items

Committee Observances (discussion only)

Move to Closed Session

Department Head Performance Evaluation

The Committee may go into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Return to Open Session

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 January 13, 2010 in the County Board Room.

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

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

8:37 a.m. Chairman Jepsen called the meeting to order. **Motion (Johnson/Kienholz) to approve the Agenda. Motion (Kienholz/Johnson) to approve the December minutes. Both Motions carried.**

Public Comment. Jean Schermer – Laketown Township Resident, discussed the status of the case re: Holly Bergstrom et. al., plaintiffs vs. Polk County and Mathy Construction, defendants.

Agency Reports. Keith Zygowicz – NRCS. Laura Bratz' last day is Feb. 28th and March 1st Chris "Lars" Olson will begin working at the Balsam Lake office. EQIP and WHIP will start January 19th and run through February 19, 2010. "Seasonal High Tunnels" (hoop houses used for seasonal garden crops, approximately 75' x 25', paid \$1.86 sq. ft.) is an added new practice.

Wildlife Damage. Cindy Blonk handed out suggested 2009 wildlife damage crop reimbursement rates for review. **Motion (Johnson/Kienholz) to use the suggested rates presented for the 2009 Wildlife Damage Program Crop Reimbursement rates. Motion carried.**

Burnett Contract. The contract for technical services was discussed. **Motion (Kienholz/Johnson) to accept the Burnett County 2010 contract, signed by Larry Jepsen. Motion carried.**

Land & Water Resource Management Plan (LWRM). At the County Board January meeting, Tim is on the agenda re the Resolution to approve the 2009 LWRM Plan and will also be making a presentation.

Voucher Review. **Motion (Kienholz/Johnson) to approve the voucher report for Dec. 2009. Motion carried. Motion (Johnson/Kienholz) to approve the Jan. 2010 voucher report. Motion carried.**

Director's Report.

- WLWCA Annual Meeting – Tim was unable to attend; Larry Jepsen gave an update. A one-time \$800 special assessment will be sent to all counties (to help fund the Executive Director)
- WAL – The annual meeting will be March 30 – April 1, 2010
- Job Approval Authority for Tim – requires signature of Larry Jepsen
- Kronos Time Keeping – Tim pointed out the system cannot do what LWRD must have for recordkeeping at this time
- Working Lands Initiative – Eric W. attended a recent meeting in Tomah; staff coordinated a meeting January 11th on Ag Enterprise Areas, held at the Star Prairie Community Center; and in 2 weeks a meeting will be held at the Alden Town hall - discussion
- Laketown Quarry – Court of Appeals entered an order granting the petition for leave to appeal
- Kraemer Mine – the Land Information Committee denied the Kraemer application
- The Polk Co. Towns Association is holding a meeting at 7 pm January 28, at the Justice Center and will discuss the Working Lands Initiative; representatives from Laketown and Osceola will give an update on nonmetallic mining in their towns

10:07 a.m. **Motion (Kienholz/Johnson) to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call vote: Kienholz-yes; Johnson-yes; Jepsen-yes. Motion carried.**

10:45 a.m. **Motion (Johnson/Kienholz) to go into open session. Motion carried.**

Motion to adjourn (Johnson/Kienholz). Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.
