

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
Wednesday, February 10, 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

- 2009 Wildlife Damage Claims Review/Approval (discussion/action)
- Program updates (discussion only)

Squaw Lake Aq Enterprise Area application (discussion/action)

- support document signature

Coon Lake Water Quality & Stormwater Management Study and Biological Monitoring & Community Education Grant - Resolution (discussion/action)

- Resolution to County Board

Voucher Review and Financial Reports (discussion/action)

- Sign bill sheet
- 2009 budget review

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 February 10, 2010 in the County Board Room.

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

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

8:43 a.m. Chairman Jepsen called the meeting to order. **Motion (Johansen/Stoneking) to approve the Agenda. Motion (Stoneking/Johnson) to approve the January minutes. Both Motions carried.**

Public Comment. None.

Agency Reports. Keith Zygowicz – NRCS. The last day of regular EQIP signup will be February 19, 2010; \$58,000 for cropland practices and \$11,000 for pasture land practices within Polk County. Laura is being assigned to Janesville the end of February and Chris “Lars” Olson will begin here March 1st.

Wildlife Damage. Cindy Blonk presented the 2009 Wildlife Damage Claims summary, noting the numbers are down about 50% from last year. There are 21 claims approved and ready for payment and 3 pending claims to be discussed next month. **Motion (Johnson/Kienholz) to approve the 2009 wildlife damage claims totaling \$40,800.82. Motion carried.**

Presentation. Eric Wojchik, Conservation Planner for LWRD, explained the Working Lands Initiative – Ag Enterprise Areas (a modified Farmland Preservation program) by showing a PowerPoint presentation. The St. Croix County LCD and Polk Co. LWRD, along with Tim Anderson – County Planner and Ryan Sterry – UW-Extension are working together with a large group of interested ag landowners on the Squaw Lake Ag Enterprise Area application. The deadline to file the application with DATCP is February 26, 2010. Discussion and question/answer dialogue. **Motion (Kienholz/Stoneking) to sign the letter of support document for the Squaw Lake Ag Enterprise Area Application. Motion carried.**

Coon Lake Grant. Tim discussed the projects proposed in the grant application Jeremy Williamson has submitted to the DNR. **Motion (Stoneking/Kienholz) to approve the resolution authorizing the Coon Lake Planning Grant Applications for (1) Water Quality and Stormwater Management Study and (2) Biological Monitoring Study and Community Education and send the resolution to the Polk County Board. Motion carried.**

Voucher Review. **Motion (Stoneking/Johnson) to approve the voucher report for \$2,540.86. Motion carried.**

Director’s Report.

- WAL – The annual meeting will be March 30 – April 1, 2010. Jeremy W. is a presenter.
- The Polk Co. Towns Association meeting Jan. 28th had a speaker discussing the Working Lands Initiative; reports on mining from the Towns of Laketown and Osceola were also given.
- Tim will propose new fees for nonmetallic mining quarries.
- Sheila Harsdorf letter to Tim re FPP: a copy of the proposed bill that would cover the pending FPP applications that were denied when the June 30th budget was passed and DATCP ended pending FPP applications.
- Kronos – Tim pointed out the system cannot perform LWRD necessary recordkeeping functions at this time, specific current issues, Kronos information from other county conservation offices, etc.
- Letter of Intent – LWRD CCAs working with NRCS is being considered; update later.
- WALCE – Peter and Eric will be attending the WALCE conference March 3-5.

Committee Observances. Diane and Ted both thanked Dean for his time and effort and taking on the task to inform them on the merger.

Motion to adjourn (Stoneking/Kienholz). Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Pending approval by the LCC at the next meeting