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AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING
 CONSERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, RECREATION & EDUCATION COMMITTEE
 Government Center
 County Board Room
 Balsam Lake, WI 54810
 9:00 a.m. Wednesday April 1st, 2015

Purpose: Review and action on selected items as listed below
Documents: Minutes of March 25th, 2015, monthly and quarterly's

ITEM	LEAD PERSON
Call to order	Committee Chair
Approval of agenda Approval of minutes for March 25 th , 2015	
Public comment	
New business	
1. Questions on issues as contained in written monthly and quarterly reports	County Administrator/ Dana Frey
2. Develop Report and Recommendation to County Board on Polk County Zoning Ordinance, A Comprehensive Revision. Covering Article 5, p 51 Section 10.5.6(I-M) Shoreland Overlay District. Committee may cover additional sections of the ordinance if time allows. Pursuant to Section 59.69(5), the Committee will develop its report and recommendations to the County Board on the proposed ordinance. The Committee may review public testimony on the proposed draft ordinance; receive staff recommendations on same and direct further modifications to the draft ordinance prior to forwarding recommendation to the County Board.	Committee Chair
3. Future agenda items- Next meeting April 15 th , 2015	Committee members
Adjourn	



Polk County Lime Quarry

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1st Quarter Report

March 2015

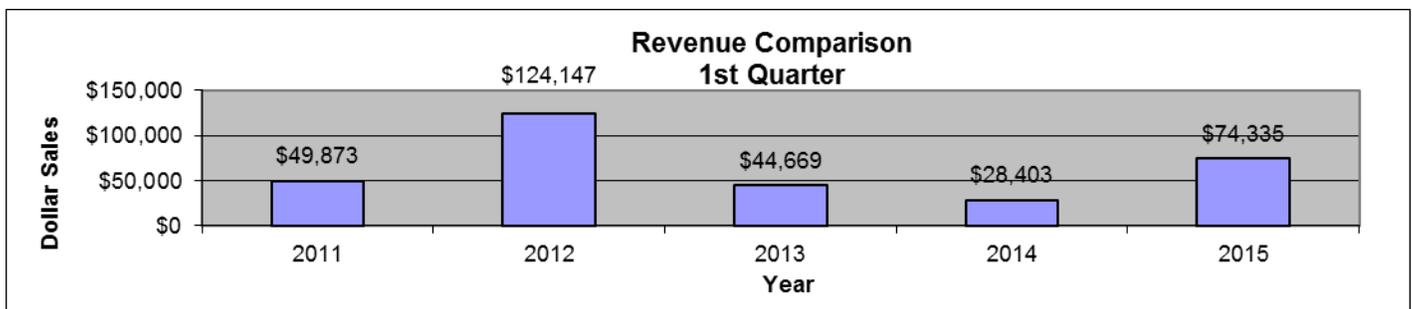
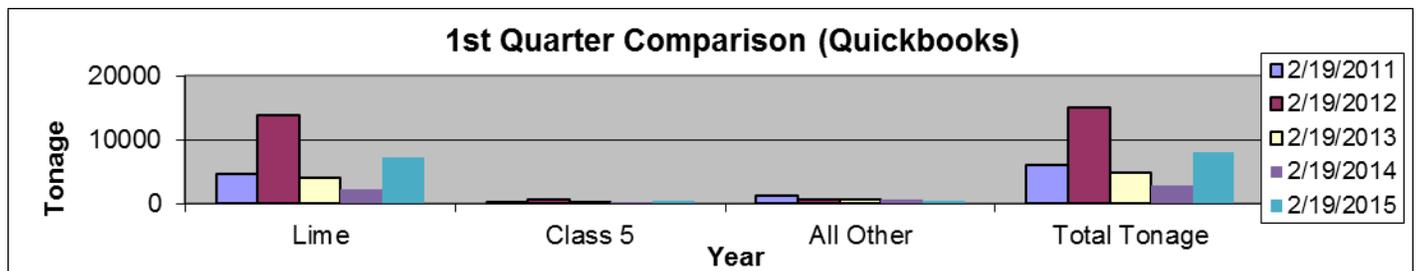
Lime production and sales-*To continue to increase the sale of quality lime products*

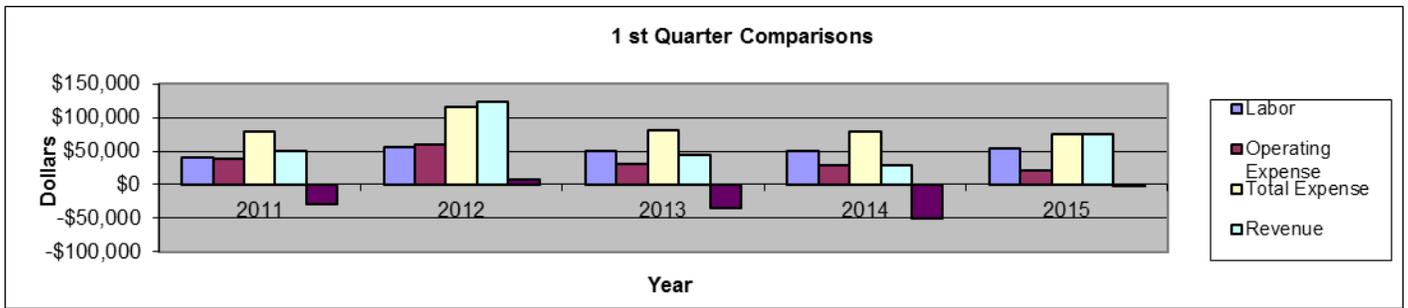
Current:

1. Lime sales have been strong during the first quarter with 7,168 tons sold so far.
2. The greatest challenge has been to keep up with spreadable Ag-lime. With over 40 days below zero, it made it difficult to start the crushers until late morning. Trucks continued to haul, with only 12 days that lime was not sold during this period. Each day the frozen crush had to be set aside for warmer weather.
3. We are currently working with the County Forester for a timber harvest of the south pit, which we will be mining this summer. The timber harvest amounted to \$2,100 and will be completed in March.

Upcoming:

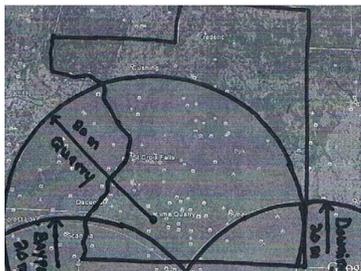
1. We will continue to increase our Ag lime inventory for spring sales, when the fields are dry and road restrictions are lifted.





Economic importance to Polk County

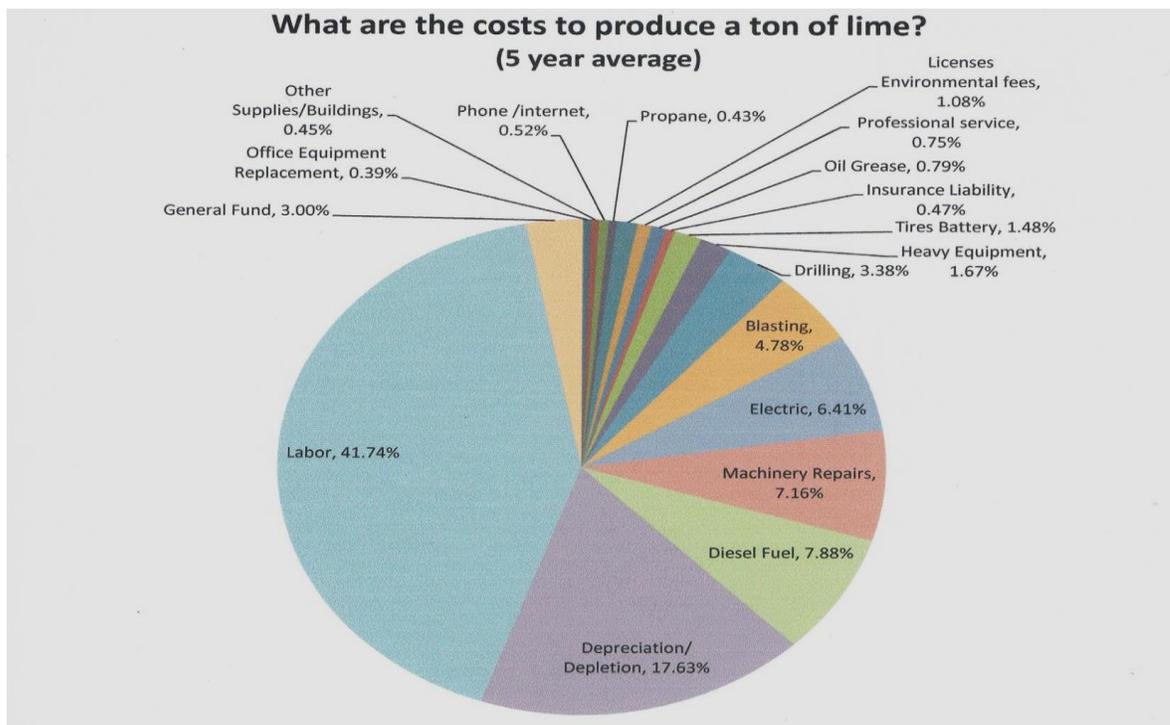
Most of the agriculture in Polk County is located within 20 miles radius of the Polk County Lime Quarry. If the lime quarry were not here, lime would need to be hauled from another quarry. The nearest quarries are located at Downing (about 35 miles south east of the quarry) and Bryan Rock near Bayport, MN. Other quarries may be in the area but do not produce the quality of lime produced for agricultural limestone. If we looked at a 20 mile radius of these quarries, only the area around Clear Lake and Farmington would be serviced at the same cost of trucking.

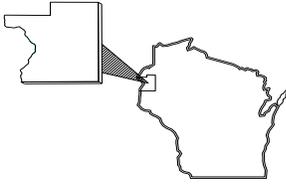


According to the American Transportation Research Institute, the average cost of trucking in 2013 was \$1.70 per mile. The average lime truck will haul between 18 to 20 tons of material per truckload. Using these figures, the cost of additional trucking to Polk County farms would cost \$70 to \$100 per truck load (about \$3.5-5 per ton). At today's prices that's a 40-50% increase in the cost of lime. For the average producer, this amounts to \$1,500 to \$3,000 more per year of added costs.

Cost of Lime

The manufacturing cost of lime and class 5 is determined by the total cost of production, minus the sale of other products and allocated to tonnage produced each year. This gives a simple baseline of the production cost for each product. The cost of each ton of limestone product can also be broken down as to how these costs are incurred.





POLK COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Monthly Report, March 2015

Runoff Management

Current

- Freitag water control basin cost share carryover to 2015
- Renstrom manure storage closure carryover to 2015
- Behling manure storage closure carryover to 2015

Upcoming

- Legal actions continue around the United States regarding runoff
- Fields manure storage closure

Resource Management and Farmland Preservation

Current

- Wood Valley Farm Plan finalized
- 3 farmers participating in cover crop initiative

Upcoming

- Hibbs manure storage closure
- Ag Enterprise Area program meeting March 25
- Soil Health Seminar March 20

Lake Protection

Current

- Trout Unlimited meeting water quality presentation
- Polk County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) strategic plan development

- Big Blake sediment core analysis
- St. Croix basin AIS strategic plan
- Career Day regarding water quality and AIS at Amery school
- Fall Snapshot Volunteer Organizing Committee
- Water quality education Amery radio

Upcoming

- Loveless Lake watershed modeling (pending LiDAR)
- Pervious paver contractor training and certification
- UWRP student help with historical land use mapping
- Carp removal from Lotus Lake
- Bone Lake core for algae pigments
- Pipe Lake sediment core and algae study
- Clean Boats Clean Waters training (2 events)
- Church Pine, Round, Big Lakes Aquatic Plant Mgmt Plan meetings
- Polk County Association of Lakes meetings
- AIS presentation to Osceola 4th grade

Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation

Current

- All 63 active nonmetallic mines in Polk County paid 2015 permit fees

Contracted Services

Current

- East Balsam subwatershed soil sampling waiting for lab data
- Dam failure analysis, Loon Lake Dam, Burnett County
- Turner water control basin by Long Lake

Upcoming

- Sediment removal from Patterson water control basin by Long Lake
- Estimate for boat landing on Cedar Lake
- Estimate for work at north end of Wapogasset
- Additional dam inspections, Burnett County
- Trout Unlimited Town of Alden culvert replacement on Parkers Creek

Shoreland Protection, Conservation Materials, Trees

Current

- Continued assistance as needed on Shoreland Zoning Ordinance
- Tree sales over 11,000 trees to date

Upcoming

- Ordered 700 white spruce seedlings for all Polk County school sixth grade students. When trees are distributed (around Arbor Day), a short presentation is given by staff

Conservation Administration, Wildlife Damage

Current

- Wildlife damage program handled through USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services for 2015
- Continued attendance at Lake St. Croix Total Maximum Daily Load meetings
- Conservation Poster Contest completed at county and area level, one Polk County student, from Unity, won 3rd place in the middle division at the state contest

Upcoming

- State 2016 grant applications and 2014 reports due to DATCP in April

Agriculture Visioning Session

UW-Extension

Polk County



November 2014

Acknowledgements:

Visioning Session Participants:

- ◆ Ron Gamache Retired County Board Supervisor
- ◆ Tim Swenson Ag Star Financial Services
- ◆ Craig Scholz Farmer in Southern Polk County
- ◆ Dale Wood Farmer; Fair Board President; Citizen on County Board of Supervisors
- ◆ Roger Owens Farmer in Central Polk County
- ◆ Aaron Moore County Director of Farm Service Agency
- ◆ Scott Geddes Land & Water Resource Department
- ◆ Sara McCurdy Director of the Department of Land Information
- ◆ Keith Zygowicz Conservationist for Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS)
- ◆ Glen Wright Farmer South- East Polk County
- ◆ Sara Byl Female Farmer in Northern Polk County

Additional stakeholder input received from:

- ◆ Gene Sollman Retired County Board Supervisor; Retired WITC Agriculture Instructor
- ◆ Eric Wojchik Agronomist/Conservationist for Land & Water Resource Department
- ◆ Lynn Johnson Farmer in Eastern Polk County

UW- Extension Cooperative Extension Colleagues:

- ◆ Greg Andrews, ANRE Program Area Liaison; Peirce County Agriculture Agent
- ◆ Julie Keown- Bomar, Northwest Regional Director
- ◆ Bob Kazmierski, Polk County Community, Natural Resource & Economic Development Agent (CNRED), Co- Department Head
- ◆ Gail Peavey, Polk County Family Living Agent, Co- Department Head

Overview and Purpose

On October 30, 2014, an “Agriculture Visioning Session” was held to identify the critical needs, issues and /or opportunities facing agriculture and natural resources in Polk County. An Agenda for the meeting is located in Appendix A. As part of the process community stakeholders helped identify needs, issues and opportunities for agriculture and natural resources.

These prioritized needs, issues and opportunities were considered in the development of the position description for Agriculture Educator and will provide direction for the new hire in this position. These needs are not meant to be totally inclusive, but representative of the current high priorities to be considered.

An overview of agriculture in Polk County was presented by Bob Kazmierski followed by Greg Andrews presenting an overview of the statewide Agriculture & Natural Resources Extension (ANRE) Program Area.

Process: Identification and Prioritization

Participants were asked to generate as many ideas as they could think of to the question - *“What are the critical needs, issues, and/or opportunities facing agriculture & natural resources in Polk County?”* They were encouraged to think broadly and consider all aspects related to agriculture.

Participants were given time to generate individual responses. As a group, responses were presented and clustered by theme, with time for collective discussion around each theme.

After all responses were collected, individuals were given the opportunity to vote for the four highest needs, issues and opportunities in Polk County.

Additional needs, issues and opportunities were solicited from individuals who were not able to participate in the Visioning Session. Their collective input is included in the results summary.

Results

In the process of identifying the high priority issues, responses generated rich discussions among visioning session participants.

The first highest priority was a ‘tie’ between Ag awareness and consumer education, inter- agency communication/conveyer. Responses noted that there is an increased need to

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educate consumers about where their food derives as well as helping non- agriculture consumers increase their understanding about agriculture. There is also a critical need to build networks of farm- related inter- agency providers to communicate and disseminate information about best management practices as well as rules and regulations affecting the farming professionals.

The third highest priority was farm continuation succession. Creating and maintaining the interest of youth in agriculture in Polk County was identified as an increased concern.

The fourth highest priority was local application of farming technology and bringing technology to the farm.

Other frequently identified needs were: farm business management, environmental and conservation issues and the concern of retaining future UW Extension ANRE agents.

Initial position focus

The Visioning session and additional input received provided a wealth of information to assist in the future direction of the Agriculture program in Polk County. As a result of this process, the position description was updated.

**A Complete Report is available through Polk County
UW-Extension.**



MINUTES

Conservation, Development, Recreation and Education Committee

County Board Room

Balsam Lake, WI 54810

9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 1st, 2015

Meeting called to order by Chairman O'Connell @ 9:10 A.M.

Members present

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Kim O'Connell	Chair	Present
Craig Moriak	Vice Chair	Present
Warren Nelson	Supervisor	Present
Dean Johansen	Supervisor	Present
Jim Edgell	Supervisor	Present
Dale Wood	FSA Rep	Present

Also present Tammy Peterson, Executive Secretary, Dana Frey, County Administrator, Tim Anderson, County Planner, Jeff Fuge, Corporation Counsel and Nancy Snouffer, Zoning Administrator

Approval of Agenda: Chairman O'Connell called for a motion to approve the amended agenda. **Motion** (Edgell/ Nelson) to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25th, 2015 meeting. **Motion** (Johansen/Wood) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

County Administrator Frey went over questions on issues as contained in written monthly and quarterly reports. Mr. Frey stated the LiDAR funds of \$50,000 have been received.

Chairman Kim O'Connell stated the committee will discuss Article 5, p 51 Section 10.5.6 (I-M), and Sections 10.6.1 – 10.6.6 Shoreland Overlay District.

Future Items: Next meeting April 15th, 2015

Motion (Johansen/ Nelson) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.