

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
August 14, 2013 9:30AM*
County Board Room

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| Call to order | (Chair) |
| Approve Agenda | (Chair) |
| Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting | (Chair) |
| Public Comments | (Chair – Speakers limited to 3 minutes) |

2014 LWRD Budget Issues (discussion only) (Dept. Head/ 10 minutes)

Lotus Lake Grant Resolution (discussion/action) (Dept. Head/ 5 minutes)

Farmland Preservation Program (discussion/action) (Dept. Head/ 5 minutes)
-Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance

Voucher Review and Financial Reports (discussion only) (Dept. Head / 5 minutes)
-Review bill sheet

Director's Report (discussion only) (Dept. Head / 10 minutes)
-Horse Creek Watershed Council
-WLWCA Legislative/Admin. Committee
-NR115 Public Hearing
-NWLCA Area Meeting Aug. 30
-LiDAR

Agency Report 10:15am (discussion only) (K. Zygowicz/ 15 minutes)

Staff Presentation (discussion only) (K. Holm / 15 minutes)

Committee Observances (Chair / 5 minutes)

Adjournment

Committee note: Dean Johansen will bring treats

*Note – Meeting may start following Lime Quarry Committee meeting

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Polk County Land Conservation Committee

Dean Johansen, Chair Larry Jepsen, Vice Chair William Johnson Herschel Brown Dale Wood, FSA Rep.

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The Land Conservation Committee met August 14, 2013 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Dean Johansen, Herschel Brown, William Johnson, Larry Jepsen
Dale Wood, FSA Representative

LWRD staff: Tim Ritten, Patti Andersen

Also present: Keith Zygowicz, NRCS
Katelin Holm, Information & Education Coordinator, LWRD

Chairman Johansen called the meeting to order at 9:17am. Motion made (Johnson/Wood) and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made (Brown/Jepsen) and seconded to approve the June 12, 2013 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments None.

2014 Land & Water Resources Budget Issues: Ritten distributed and discussed the LWRD's budget page for the county's budget book, outlining the programs that the department administers and amount of resources that go into each program. Factors affecting budget difficult to service all grant obligations due to reduced staff – conservation planner needed. Program requirements continue to increase and staff does not. Vehicle expenses will be higher in 2014 with the fleet system because the department will be charged for miles driven instead of just fuel, it will be more expensive for the department but vehicles will be newer. Number of lakes on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources impaired water list has increased and that trend has been going on for a long time without increasing staff to handle increased work load.

Ritten distributed and discussed the Second Quarter Report for LWRD.

Lotus Lake Grant Resolution: Ritten handed out resolution to be considered at county board next week for one of the many lake grants we apply for. Normally we like to have them approved with the budget but we have a chance to apply for grant now for the 2014 budget item. Department is working with Lotus Lake on the algae problem. Grant is for \$72,000 over a three- year period.

Motion made (Jepsen/Johnson) and seconded to approve Polk County Land and Water Resources Department Lotus Lake grant application and send on to the full county board for approval.

Farmland Preservation Program: Farmer from McKinley Township, only township zoned exclusive agriculture, voluntarily wants to get out of the Farmland Preservation Program. This farmer is not claiming credits from the program.

Motion made (Brown/Wood) and seconded, to allow James Behling to voluntarily withdraw from the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried.

Pending approval by the LCC Secretary and amendment at the next meeting.

Voucher Review and Financial Reports: Ritten reviewed and discussed the voucher reports for the last two months.

Director's Report: Ritten discussed the following:

- Horse Creek Watershed Council
- WLWCA Legislative/Admin. Committee
- NR115 Public Hearing
- NWLCA Area Meeting Aug. 30
- LiDAR
- Fleet Vehicles

Agency Report: Keith Zygowitz, NRCS, distributed and discussed the Horse Creek Priority Watershed that was selected and given to NRCS this spring. Water quality is the goal, soil erosion control, may have some success - \$170,000 worth of contracts. Lotus Lake residents showing a lot of interest. Have to be an agricultural producer and private home owner can't get assistance through this program. October 9 is Variable Rate Technology Day.

Operational agreement draft version being made up – between LWRD and NRCS. Because of Wisconsin's new State Conservationist, Memorandum of Understanding needs to be updated.

Staff Presentation: Katelin Holm, Information and Educational Specialist, gave a presentation on 2013 AIS monitoring projects that Land and Water Resources Department is working on.

Committee Observances: None

Adjournment: Motion made (Brown/Jepsen) and seconded and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.