

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center  
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin  
**February 12, 2014 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)

Wildlife Damage Abatement Claim Program (discussion/action)(C. Blonk / 10 minutes)  
-2013 Wildlife Damage Claims review/approval  
-Program updates

Department Goals (discussion/action) (Dept Head / 5 minutes)  
- Review goals from 2013, set for 2014

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

Director's Report (discussion only) (Dept Head / 5 minutes)  
- Shoreland zoning rewrite process update  
- May host NW Area WLWCA tour in 2014  
- NW Area meeting with poster/speaking was held February 7  
- WLWCA Conference March 10 – 12 in Appleton (Paper Valley Hotel)  
- LWRM Plan presentation to LWCB in Madison on April 1

Staff Presentation (discussion only) (J. Williamson / 15 minutes)

Agency Report 10:15am (discussion only) (DNR Staff / 15 minutes)

Committee Observances (Chair / 5 minutes)

Adjournment

Committee note: LARRY JEPSEN will bring treats

\*Note – Meeting may start following Lime Quarry Committee meeting (if Lime Committee meets)

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**Polk County Land Conservation Committee**

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

## Polk County Land Conservation Committee

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The Land Conservation Committee met February 12, 2014 in the County Board Room.

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

Absent: Dean Johansen

LWRD staff: Tim Ritten, Patti Andersen and Jeremy Williamson

Also present: Cindy Blonk, Wildlife Damage Technician,  
Lars Olson, NRCS, Soil Conservationist

In the absence of Chairman Johansen, Vice-Chairman Jepsen called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. Motion made (Johnson/Wood) and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made (Brown/Johnson) and seconded to approve the January 8, 2014 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments** None.

**Wildlife Damage Program:** Cindy Blonk distributed the 2013 Polk County Wildlife Damage Claim forms. Discussion held on three claims needing further action. Blackbrook Farms, had substantial deer damage and was submitting a claim without meeting all deer harvest requirements but there are extenuating circumstances that allowed a Harvest Objective Waiver to be granted. Motion made (Brown/Johnson) and seconded to approve the claim payment for Blackbrook Farms wildlife damage claim. Deedon Lake Orchard also had substantial deer damage. Motion made (Brown/Johnson) and seconded to approve this claim. A letter will be sent to both of these claimants recommending that the owner use monies from their wildlife damage claim to build permanent fencing to protect their crops from further deer damage. Blonk is writing a letter to DNR stating these contingencies. Motion made (Brown/Johnson) and seconded to approve Bruce Hendricks, the last large claim in question. Motion carried. Blonk also discussed each wildlife damage claim made in Polk County. Motion made (Johnson/Brown) and seconded to approve all wildlife damage claims as submitted by Cindy Blonk.

**Wildlife Damage Program Updates:** Blonk explained that the deer are extremely hungry due to the winter conditions we've had and are looking for food. She has been getting several calls for deer shooting permits and various abatement, as they are eating out of corn silage bags and big round hay bales. Blonk also mentioned that the tri-county deer donation program was down this year, as well as the statewide program.

**Department Goals:** Ritten handed out and reviewed the Polk County Land & Water Department goals for 21013 and how much was completed as well as LWRD 2014 goals, which are as follows:

1. Assist three lake groups with lake management plans, and conduct early detection protocol monitoring on five lakes.
2. Assist with finishing Shoreland Zoning Ordinance rewrite.
3. Write one and review five Nutrient Management Plans, and conduct edge of field monitoring on three fields.
4. Construct one new manure storage facility or close one abandoned manure storage facility.

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

5. Attempt to obtain a five year extension to the Polk County Land & Water Resource Management Plan.

Motion made (Brown/Johnson) and seconded upon Department of Administration's approval to accept the LWRD's goals from Director. Motion carried.

**Voucher Review and Financial Reports:** Ritten reviewed and discussed the voucher report highlighting some of the expenses.

**Director's Report:** Ritten reviewed the following:

Shoreland Zoning Rewrite Process Update

Polk County LWRD May host NW Area WLWCA Tour in 2014

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WLWCA Conference March 10-12 in Appleton (Paper Valley Hotel)

LWRM plan presentation to LWCB in Madison on April 1.

**Agency Report:** Lars Olson, NRCS, Soil Conservationist, distributed handouts and discussed the CSP Program (Conservation Stewardship Program) that just concluded their signup and the Soil Health Initiative dealing with different ways farmers can improve soil health.

**Staff Presentation:** Jeremy Williamson, Water Quality Specialist, gave a presentation on Polk County lake management.

**Committee Observances.** None

**Motion made (Brown/Wood) and seconded and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.**