

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

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

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

<u>Wildlife Damage Program</u> (discussion/action)	(C. Blonk / 10 minutes)
-Set 2012 program crop prices	
-Program updates	

<u>Burnett Contract</u> – (discussion/action)	(Dept. Head / 5 minutes)
-Review contract for (limited) technical services to Burnett County for 2013	

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

<u>10:15AM: Agency Report</u>	(K. Zygowicz / 15 minutes)
-NRCS-Keith Zygowicz	

<u>Review department goals for 2012 and set goals for 2013</u> (discussion/action)	(Dept. Head / 15 minutes)
-2012 Goals Accomplishment Report	
-2013 Goals	

<u>Director's Report</u> (discussion only)	(Dept. Head / 5 minutes)
-Supervisor Magnafici will remain on CPRB Lake District	
-Project Manager hired for Horse Creek farmer led conservation initiative	
-Manure pit closure complete	
-Stream crossing construction complete	
-Both proposals for Stillwater Bridge Mitigation not recommended for funding	

<u>Staff Presentation</u>	(none)
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<u>Committee Observances</u>	(Chair / 5 minutes)
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Adjournment

Committee note: William Johnson 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 Vacant, FSA Rep.

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The Land Conservation Committee met January 9, 2013 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Herschel Brown, Larry Jepsen, William Johnson

LWRD staff: Eric Wojchik (in absence of Director Ritten), Patti Andersen

Also present: Cindy Blonk, Wildlife Damage Technician,
Aaron Moore, FSA Director

In absence of Chair Johansen, Vice Chairman, Jepsen, called the meeting to order at 9:16 am. Motion made (Brown/Johnson) and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made (Johnson/Brown) and seconded to approve the November 7, 2012 minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comments None.

Wildlife Damage Program Cindy Blonk discussed the 2012 proposed crop prices for wildlife damage claims. Using an annual price from several different resources, Blonk came up with the average price for corn, soybeans, alfalfa, alfalfa-grass and organic vegetable claims. Motion made (Johnson/Brown) to approve the prices as presented for 2012 crop damage claims with the inclusion of soil additives not to exceed \$100. Motion carried unanimously.

Wildlife Damage Program Updates: Blonk explained that bear damage has been increasing with deer damage decreasing.

Burnett Agreement: Eric Wojchik reviewed the agreement for technical services that Polk County has with Burnett County. Staffing availability is in place but on an as needed basis or by request. Polk County employee rates are 8% over wages and fringes in the agreement, reflecting the administrative amount that should be charged. Motion made (Johnson/Brown) to approve agreement provided with Burnett County. Motion carried unanimously. Vice-Chairman Jepsen, signed agreement in lieu of Chairman Johansen.

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

Agency Report: In absence of NRCS staff, Aaron Moore, FSA, reported to the committee on the election held this past December discussing the three possible candidates for representation to Land Conservation Committee. The Farm Bill has been extended with loan programs still available and programs still funded.

Review department goals for 2012 and set goals for 2013: The Committee and Eric Wojchik reviewed and discussed the progress and accomplishment of 2012 goals from the Land and Water Resource Management Plan Two Year Work Plan. Motion made (Johnson/Brown) and seconded to accept 2012 Goals Accomplishment Report. Motion carried. With the absence of Director Ritten, it was decided to discuss the 2013 Goals at the March LCC meeting.

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

Directors Report:

- Education:
 - Katelin and Jeremy continue to speak on WPCA radio.

- Lake Projects:
 - Jeremy and Katelin continue the report writing phase of their work for several lake projects.
 - Supervisor Magnafici agreed to accept the Church Pine Big Round District appointment again.

- Agriculture:
 - The 4 counties (Polk, St. Croix, Dunn, Pierce) that received the McKnight Foundation grant (Horse Creek farmer-led conservation initiative) have hired a project coordinator.
 - Two agriculture-related cost-shares started in 2012 – one for a manure pit and one for a stream crossing have been completed.

- Miscellaneous:
 - Both proposals for the Stillwater Bridge Mitigation were not recommended for funding.
 - Northern Wisconsin Land Conservation Association needs an official representative from current Land Conservation Committee to the area association.
 - A representative from Land and Water Resources will attend the FSA Committee meeting on Jan. 11 to explain duties of the appointee to the Land Conservation Committee.

Staff Presentation: None

Committee Observances. None

Motion made (Brown/Johnson) and seconded and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.