

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center  
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin  
**January 8, 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)

- Set 2013 program crop prices
- Program updates

Burnett County Agreement (discussion/action) (LWRD staff / 5 minutes)

- Review agreement for limited technical service charges for 2014

Polk County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (discussion/action) (LWRD staff/10 minutes)

- Submit request for 5 year extension to Wisconsin Land and Water Board

Voucher Review and Financial Reports (discussion only) (LWRD staff / 5 minutes)

- Review bill sheet

Director's Report (discussion only) (LWRD staff / 5 minutes)

- Report on 2013 accomplishments and set 2014 goals at next meeting
- Shoreland zoning rewrite process update
- May host NW Area WLWCA tour in 2014

Agency Report 10:15am (discussion only) (A. Moore / 15 minutes)

Committee Observances (Chair / 5 minutes)

Adjournment

Committee note: Larry Jepsen 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.*

## Polk County Land Conservation Committee

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The Land Conservation Committee met January 8, 2014 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Dean Johansen, Herschel Brown, Larry Jepsen, William Johnson

Absent: Dale Wood, FSA Representative

LWRD staff: Jeremy Williamson (in absence of Director Ritten), Patti Andersen

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

Chairman Johansen called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. Motion made (Jepsen/Brown) and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made (Johnson/Jepsen) and seconded to approve the November 5, 2013 minutes. Motion carried.

**Public Comments** None.

**Wildlife Damage Program** Cindy Blonk discussed the 2013 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 (Jepsen/Johnson) to approve the prices as presented for 2013 crop damage claims. Motion carried unanimously.

**Wildlife Damage Program Updates:** Blonk explained that the deer are already hungry and looking for food so she has been getting calls for deer shooting permits as they are eating out of corn silage bags. Blonk also mentioned that the tri-county deer donation program was down this year, as well as the statewide program.

**Burnett Agreement:** Williamson 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 have increased, reflecting the administrative amount that should be charged. Motion made (Johnson/Johansen) to approve agreement provided with Burnett County. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Johansen signed agreement.

**Voucher Review and Financial Reports:** Andersen reviewed and discussed the voucher report highlighting some of the expenses and discussed the financial report highlighting the final budget numbers for the department.

**Polk County Land and Water Resource Management Plan:** Because the State of Wisconsin, mandates that a new Land and Water Resource Plan be updated every five years, Williamson requested from the committee, that the department get an extension to their current Land and Water Resource Plan since the original plan was a 10 year plan. Motion made (Johnson/Brown) to approve the Polk County Land and Water Resource Management Plan extension. Motion carried.

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

**Director's Report:** In Ritten's absence, Williamson reviewed the following:

**Report on 2013 accomplishments**

**Shoreland zoning rewrite process update**

**May host NW Area WLWCA tour in 2014**

**Agency Report:** Aaron Moore, FSA, discussed the Farm Bill extension which is good until the end of January, 2014. Moore mentioned the impacts of not having a farm bill, such as no disaster programs for our local farmers and ranchers who had to deal with the devastating cold weather we had early January. FSA county committee elections are happening in the northern tier of Polk County.

**Committee Observances.** Jepsen stated he was going to the Environmental Land Use Steering Committee week of January 13, 2014. He wanted to know if Polk County Land and Water Resource Department knew of any problems that needed to be addressed.

**Motion made (Brown/Johnson) and seconded and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.**