

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
October 1, 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)

Polk County Agriculture and Farmland Preservation Plan (LWRD staff / 15 minutes)
-Review plan
-Resolution adopting Agriculture and Farmland Preservation Plan (discussion/action)
-Set date for public hearing

USDA-NRCS Memorandum of Agreement (discussion/action) (Ritten/Zygowicz / 10 minutes)
-Review agreement between NRCS and LWRD

2014 Budget Recommendation (discussion/action) (Dept. Head/ 5 minutes)

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

Director's Report (discussion only) (Dept. Head / 5 minutes)
-Horse Creek Watershed Council
-NWLCA Area Tour
-Millpond Box Culvert
-Variable Rate Technology field day

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

Committee Observances (Chair / 5 minutes)

Adjournment

Committee note: William Johnson will bring treats

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The Land Conservation Committee met October 1, 2013 in the County Board Room of the Polk County Government Center.

Supervisors Present: Herschel Brown, William Johnson, Larry Jepsen

Absent: Dean Johansen, Chairperson
Dale Wood, FSA Representative

LWRD staff: Tim Ritten, Patti Andersen, Eric Wojchik

Also present: Drew Hawley, DNR, Private Lands Biologist
Dana Frey, Polk County Administrator
Robert Kazmierski, UWEX
Tim Anderson, Land Information

In absence of Chairman Johansen, Vice Chairman Jepsen called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. Motion made (Johnson/Brown) and seconded to approve the agenda in a different order than presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Comments None.

Agency Report: Drew Hawley, DNR, discussed land conservation grants that the DNR is funding in Wisconsin involving wetlands and grassland restoration establishment.

Polk County Agriculture and Farmland Preservation Plan: Kazmierski, Wojchik and Anderson discussed the Polk County Agriculture and Farmland Preservation Plan. Required by the State of Wisconsin, the farmland preservation plan was designed to be a tool to protect productive farmland now and in the future.

Motion made (Johnson/Brown) to set public hearing for the Polk County Agriculture and Farmland Preservation Plan for November 5, 2013 at 9:30 am at the regular meeting of the Land Conservation Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

USDA – NRCS Memorandum of Agreement: Ritten distributed and discussed the Memorandum of Agreement between Polk County Land and Water Resources (LWRD) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices. Ritten explained that Keith Zygowicz, NRCS District Conservationist, had planned to be in attendance but was furloughed. The committee saw no problems with the agreement but decided to wait until next meeting to discuss it with Zygowicz before signing the agreement.

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

2014 Land & Water Resources Budget Recommendation: Administrator Frey discussed any technical amendments for LWRD budget would be done now. Ritten discussed the need for replacing the soil conservation planner position that was lost 3 years ago. Consensus was to wait another year.

Motion made (Brown/Johnson) to send Land and Water Resources Budget to county Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Voucher Review and Financial Reports: Ritten reviewed and discussed the voucher reports for August.

Director's Report: Ritten discussed the following:

- Horse Creek Watershed Council hosted a 4-county meeting
- NWLCA Area Tour in Burnett County on Oct. 18
- Millpond Box Culvert
- Variable Rate Technology Field Day Oct. 9

Supervisor Johnson suggested Ritten forward the Northwest Land Conservation Association (NWLCA) tour information to county board supervisors.

Committee Observances: None

Adjournment: Motion made (Brown/Johnson) and seconded and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.