



## LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 8, 2014

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman Michael Stoddard at 7:30AM on May 8, 2014 in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Michael Stoddard, Chair  
Nick Toney, Vice-Chair  
Joanne Guden  
David Richter  
Maureen Schweder  
Arnold Dahlke, Jr., FSA Member

Staff Present: Paul Gunderson

Others Present: Heidi Weishaar  
Caleb Zahn – NRCS  
Tony Daley, Berlin Journal

### **AGENDA**

***Motion/second (Richter/Guden)*** to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Dahlke/Schweder)*** to approve and file the April 10, 2014 meeting minutes Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

**APPEARANCES** : none

### **MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS**

Written report was reviewed. FPP Certifications and Nutrient Management Checklists are coming in. Compliance checks are being done. Work load being divided between all staff members.

Caleb Zahn talked about the NWQI sign up deadline around Green Lake being May 30<sup>th</sup>. July 11<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the statewide sign up. Gunderson and Zahn explained to new board members that LCD does designs for NRCS and how well the two agencies work together.

### **LAKE AND RIVER REPORT**

Written report was reviewed. Discussion was had regarding the tributary stream bank survey that was completed last summer. A sample map of a stream bank rating was viewed and explained. Zahn explained that “sloughing” is similar to “flushing a toilet” as the nutrients from the soil wash into the water, thus creating quality problems like weeds and algae.

### **DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS**

Gunderson showed a landowner contract and map and explained how the DATCP contract works and how the funds are allocated. There is a ranking system. The funds either need to be all used up or can be extended for one calendar year.

***Motion/second (Richter/Schweder)*** to approve Werch extra cost-share footage. Motion carried.

## **LANDOWNER CONSERVATION PLANS**

Discussion followed regarding how the plans work.

### **2014 Soil and Water Grant Contract Approval:**

Gunderson explained how the funding is decided and dispersed and how a digital signature is needed from a chairperson (Michael Stoddard). **Motion/second (Richter/Guden)** to approve the contract as presented. Motion carried.

### **Plat Books:**

300 books have arrived. Discussion followed about the highlights and features of the new books and how/where to advertise them. **Motion/second (Guden/Toney)** to approve \$30 charge for new plat books. Motion carried.

### **Gas Card:**

Gunderson explained the problems with the department's BP gas card payment deadline causing late fees. **Motion/second (Schweder/Guden)** to cancel the BP card and get a Kwik Trip card. Motion carried.

### **Meeting Attendance Approval:**

- **County conservationist meeting**  
**Motion/second (Dahlke/Guden)** to approve attendance for Gunderson to attend the WLWCA Spring County Conservationist meeting. Motion carried.
- **LCC Training Meeting**  
Marquette County is hosting a meeting regarding what's involved in LCC and being on the committee. Gunderson recommended attendance with two new board members and new staff. May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the sign-up deadline. **(Toney/Richter)** to approve meeting attendance for LCC Meeting. Motion carried.

Nick Toney left the meeting at 8:30am.

### **DNR well meeting discussion:**

Gunderson updated the committee on the well contaminations located near the intersection of Prairie Rd and Center Rd in the Town of Green Lake. A letter was read from the DNR that was sent to the potential landowners stating there may have been manure applied to the area within a 1 mile radius stating it was inconclusive who contaminated, but recommendations were given nutrient management following the guidelines.

### **VOUCHERS**

**Motion/second (Dahlke/Richter)** to approve vouchers totaling \$ 9,961.67 as presented. Original amount \$9,254.67, then Todd Morris entered the meeting with an additional \$707.00 cost share on current Werch project. Discussion and approval granted. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE – none**

### **DEPARTMENT VACANCIES DISCUSSION:**

Things going well with Heidi and Nikki starts full-time next week.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

***Motion/second (Richter/Guden)*** to go into closed session in accordance with Wis. State. § 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. This closed session relates to Personnel Evaluations. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.**

***Motion/second (Richter/Guden)*** to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Toney). Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

***Motion/second (Richter/Schweder)*** to approve evaluations that Gunderson presented. Motion carried.

Future Meeting Date: **June 12, 2014, 7:30 AM** in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake

Future Agenda Items:

**ADJOURN**

***Motion/second (Gunderson/Richter)*** to adjourn at 9:30 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar  
Recorder