

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE December 12, 2013

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman Michael Stoddard at 7:30AM on December 12, 2013 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

Maureen Schweder, Vice-Chair

Ben Moderow Harley Reabe Nick Toney

Arnold Dahlke, Jr., FSA Member

Staff Present: Paul Gunderson Others Present: Joanne Guden, Supervisor

Marge Bostelmann, Clerk Tony Daley, Berlin Journal

AGENDA

Motion/second (Schweder/Reabe) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Reabe/Modrow) to approve and file the November 14th and 21st, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

APPEARANCES - none

MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

Written report was reviewed.

LAKE AND RIVER REPORT

Written report was reviewed.

<u>WILDLIFE DAMAGE PROGRAM - COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT</u>

Gunderson presented a 5 year Cooperative Service Agreement between Green Lake County, the DNR and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Motion/second(Schweder/Toney to approve the 5 year agreement. Motion carried.

DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS - none

A list of land owners who will receive cost share contracts was presented to the Committee. **Motion/second(Moderow/Toney)** to approve the contract with the land owners presented. Motion carried.

LANDOWNER CONSERVATION PLANS – None

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Notice of Noncompliance Appearances

Gunderson explained that landowners need to send in the nutrient management plan. One land owner, Adam Burk, has not responded to the LCC staff, so he is now in noncompliance.

Voluntary Non-Participation Requests

One landowner, Robert Kuphal has voluntarily requested not to participate.

Motion/second(Dahlke/Reabe) to accept Robert Kuphal voluntary request for noncompliance. Motion carried.

Cancellation of Non-Compliance Requests

Two landowners, Cotterill Farms Inc. and Linger Trust decided to cancel their noncompliance status and to become a participant in the program again.

Motion/second(Reabe/Dahlke) to reinstate the Cotterill Farms, Inc and Linger Trust. Motion carried.

COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST POSITION STATUS

Gunderson explained that the Personnel Committee approved filling the position. It has been advertised in the local paper and the Oshkosh Northwestern, the deadline will be December 27th. Bostelmann recommended that one or two Committee members work with her to screen the applicants and bring 3 to 5 candidates to the Committee to be interviewed.

Motion/second(Moderow/Toney) that Maureen Schweder and Harley Reabe work with Bostelmann to screen the applicants to be interviewed. Motion carried.

MEETING ATTENDANCE – None

VOUCHERS

Motion/second (Reabe/Schweder) to approve vouchers as presented totaling \$68,331.05 Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – none

CLOSED SESSION

Motion/second(Schweder/Reabe) to go into closed session in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 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 compensation for acting Land Conservationist/Director of Land Conservation Department, and employee discipline. Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

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

Motion/second(Reabe/Schweder) to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Motion/second(Reabe/Toney) to recommend to the Personnel Committee that Paul Gunderson receive a stipend of \$2.00 per hour as acting department heads retroactive to October 7th. Motion carried.

COMMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Dates: Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7:30 AM in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake

Future Agenda Items: Interviews on January 9th

ADJOURN

Motion/second (Reabe/Toney) to adjourn at 8:00 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Bostelmann County Clerk