



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

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Land Conservation Committee Meeting Notice

Date: May 12, 2016 Time: 9:00 AM
Committee Room #0903, Green Lake County Government Center
571 County Rd A, Green Lake WI

AGENDA

Committee Members

David Richter,
Chair
Katie Mehn
Vice-Chair
Patricia Garro
Joanne Guden
Robert Schweder
Arnold Dahlke,
FSA Member

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of April 14, 2016 Minutes
6. Public Comments (3 min limit)
7. Appearances
8. Monthly Staff Report & Upcoming Projects
9. Lake and River Report
10. DATCP/County Cost-Share Contracts
11. FPP Notices of Non-Compliance Action
12. Smits Brothers NR243 Grant
13. Department Merging Discussion
14. Department Vacancy
15. Soil Conservation Position Re-Classification
16. Vouchers
17. Correspondence
18. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: June 9, 2016 at 9:00 AM
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
19. Adjourn

Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office.

Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or audio assistance should contact the Land Conservation Office at 294-4051 not later than Noon on the day preceding the meeting.

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
April 14, 2016 - MINUTES

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman Michael Stoddard at 9:00AM on April 14, 2016 in the Committee Room #0903 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
Joanne Guden
Maureen Schweder
David Richter
Patricia Garro
Arnold Dahlke, Jr., FSA Member

Excused:

Staff Present: Paul Gunderson
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Harley Reabe
Jack Meyers

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Guden/Garro) to approve and file the March 10, 2016 meeting minutes with noted change to 2016 Committed Funds. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPEARANCES

None

MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

Written report was reviewed.

LAKE AND RIVER REPORT

Gunderson explained new accounts requested for Twin Lakes and Grand Lake grants to aid in accurate tracking of income and expenses. The accounts were already approved at the March 2016 Finance Committee with the stipulation of LCC approval.

Motion/second (Garro/Richter) to approve revenue and expense accounts created for Twin Lakes and Grand Lake grants. Motion approved.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Gunderson explained Transcendent Technologies coming April 26, 2016 to give presentation of their software program which will greatly help organize and aide Land Conservation in the Farmland Preservation Program, as well as Land Use & Zoning in tracking permit information.

EQUIPMENT REQUEST

Gunderson informed committee of a trail camera being purchased for use in recording conservation practices in action. The time lapsed video will be available for viewing on our website.

ARBOR DAY

Gunderson gave a current reservation list of 62 people and noted phone calls are still coming in. Advertising is in the local papers, Michael Starshack will be the guest speaker, and everything is in place for another fun and successful celebration.

DEPARTMENT MERGING DISCUSSION

Gunderson gave a handout of his pros/cons on merging Land Conservation with Land Use Planning and Zoning. He stated several financial and practical reasons why he felt it would not be a benefit. Gunderson was seeking feedback from the committee. The conversation will be ongoing next month.

DEPARTMENT VACANCY DISCUSSION

Motion/second (Guden/Garro) to send the position filling vacancy and to approve the changes of the job description for Soil Conservation I position to the personnel committee. Motion carried.

Motion/second (Richter/Guden) to modify the Soil Conservation I job description to read "employee exercises independent judgement" to "employee demonstrates professional judgement". Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION POSITION RE-CLASSIFICATION

Gunderson explained the positions and gave handouts showing his proposal of changes and differences. The committee stated that some of the description words were too vague. Clarifying the specific criteria necessary to advance from one step to the next needed to be made more clear, so Gunderson will update and re-present. The conversation will be ongoing in the next meeting.

VOUCHERS

Motion/second (Garro/Richter) to approve vouchers totaling \$ 8,890.25 as presented. Motion carried.

Excused Patti Garro from the meeting at 10:38AM.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gunderson read a letter from Hunter Neubauer requesting sponsorship to the WI Land + Water Conservation Camp.

Motion/second (Guden/Dahlke) to approve sponsoring Hunter Neubauer to attend the WI Land + Water Conservation Camp.

Gunderson read a card from WI Land + Water Conservation Association congratulating Green Lake County on their poster contest success, as well as showed the committee an article that highlighted our efforts in the April 2016 Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine.

Gunderson read a letter from Jim Hebbe, former County Conservationist, complimenting and thanking Mike Stoddard for all his dedication and years of service on the Land Conservation Committee.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Dates: **May 12, 2016 at 9:00AM** in the Committee Room #0903 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake.
- LWLWCA Meeting upcoming in May
- LCC Training Meeting will be announced as soon as we know
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Motion/second (Richter/Schweder) to adjourn at 10:46AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder

Land Conservation Committee
May 12, 2016 Monthly Staff Report

April/May 2016 Projects

1. Review Nutrient Management Plans submitted (9 plans).
2. Work on design for terraces.
3. Work on design for Water & Sediment Control Basins
4. Completed installation of Sinkhole Abandonment repair.
5. Completed installation of Leachate Collection System
6. Survey multiple sites for grass waterway installations and work on designs for waterways.
7. Attended Training for Nutrient Management Planners in Madison
8. Attended Drainage Board Meeting
9. Webinar – Inter-seeding Cover Crops
10. Webinar – Manure Irrigation Workgroup Report
11. Create newly identified FPP file folders that correspond to C.O.C. numbers and consolidate file folders where applicable.
12. Create BMP layer and run EVAAL tool on Rock River watershed area to assist in TMDL project.
13. Survey and begin design of waterway with assistance from Todd for field located near Dalton.
14. Run Rusle2 and SnapPlus to identify high-risk areas within Rock River watershed.
15. Complete Rock River Template for TMDL project.
16. Identify and contact landowners around Spring Lake and both Twin Lakes concerning soil sampling project for Derek.
17. Student Government Day and Poster Contest presentations
18. Arbor Day Celebration preparation and attendance
19. **Construction Site Erosion Control & Storm Water Mgmt.** assistance:
 - a) Administered code.
20. Other assistance:
 - a) Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) participant record keeping, compliance and research Ag Enterprise Area (AEA) designation criteria for a landowner.
 - b) Assist landowner with soil testing and contour questions.
 - c) Confer with staff regarding revisions of position descriptions.
 - d) Assist Steve Machkovich with field drainage tile location and erosion into tile inlet.
 - e) Tree planter preparation and distribution.
 - f) Inventory erosion control products.
 - g) Discovered excessive cropland erosion with GIS viewer.
21. Training:
 - a) Attended: WI-Soil & Water Conservation Society (SWCS) annual conference.
 - b) Attended: Cover Crops webinar.
 - c) Attended: Transcendent Technologies' presentation of FPP and permits recordkeeping software.

Future

22. Provide information and assistance to landowners with planning, developing and implementing soil and water conservation and enhancement practices.
23. Administer the CSEC&SWM code.
24. FPP and NR151 compliance checks and conservation plan revisions.
25. Attend conferences and trainings to increase knowledge and scope of soil and water conservation experience.
26. Timekeeping and reports.

Lake and River Report

Shore Inventory Grant

Field work was completed in 2015. Most of the GIS/Mapping work has been completed. A few data manipulations need to be completed due to the layout of parcel boundaries on Little Twin Lake and Grand Lake, where the parcel boundaries do not match the lake boundaries. Final results and reports are anticipated in June.

Lake Planning Grants

Grand Lake and Twin & Spring Lakes will hold their Lake Planning Kickoff meetings in May. This is an opportunity for the lake residents and interested parties to meet the consultant and Green Lake County staff that will be collecting data for the Lake Management Plan.

Fox River Planning grant has been completed, and final reimbursement has been received from the DNR.

Other Lake Reports

Green Lake – LCD and GLA is working with Ripon College to conduct long-term phosphorus release from stream sediments study. Phosphorus stored in stream/lake sediments are known as legacy phosphorus, and can produce high levels of phosphorus delivery to a lake, even after terrestrial sources have been significantly curbed.

Hill Creek / Twin Lakes – Permits and Designs have been submitted to restore approximately 2000 feet of eroded streambank along an unnamed tributary to Hill Creek.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator with Golden Sands RC&D

- I have finished the first installment of grant match reimbursement, to the DNR. Currently planning how the summer field season will go, what lakes will be surveyed when, which organizations will be helping with certain surveys, etc.
- I have hired two interns for the summer, one to do watercraft inspections at the County A - Sunset Park landing, and one which will be doing some inspections but also doing surveys and side projects with me. These projects include bait shop visits, outreach to area banks and libraries for displays this summer focusing on AIS, and planning for potential hose reel/boat cleaning stations at the more-frequented launches.
- Purple loosestrife season is well underway, and two of the five libraries in Green Lake Co are on board with displays near their entryways as well as information material inside the library.
- I have completed emerald ash borer awareness program with Princeton, by flagging ash trees on public property in the town with green flagging.
- April was a busy month for conventions, conferences, and meetings, so I had several AIS-themed booths at those and networked at the meetings with other coordinators across the state, and was updated about new procedures for decontamination, specimen vouchering, and reporting.