



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE October 9, 2014 - MINUTES

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman Michael Stoddard at 3:00pm on October 9, 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
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Caleb Zahn - NRCS
Scott Georgeson– NRCS volunteer
Al Shute
Harley Reabe
Steve Krueger
Laurinda Koeck

AGENDA

Motion/second (Schweder/Guden) to approve the agenda with the following change: *Future meeting time 3:00PM vs 7:30AM.* Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Guden/Schweder) to approve and file the September 11, 2014 meeting minutes
Motion carried.

3:05PM ***Motion/second (Toney/Guden)*** to sit David Richter into meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

APPEARANCES : Zahn gave NRCS update. EQIP sign-up ended October 3, 2014 with over 20 applicants. Zahn noted a meeting he attended on Conservation Stewardship sign up 2015. Green Lake Watershed EQIP is coming up.

WILDLIFE DAMAGE PROGRAM

Krueger explained the Wildlife Damage Program to the new committee members and presented proposed crop prices that will be paid for the 2014 damage claims. These prices are averages of crop prices throughout the year. ***Motion/second (Richter/Guden)*** to approve the crop prices and the 2015 Wildlife Damage Contract. Motion carried.

MEETING/TRAINING ATTENDANCE POLICY

Committee stated they do not need to give prior approval to attend meetings/conferences. Gunderson is given permission/authority to decide who and what to attend and just include the information in his monthly reports.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

Written report was reviewed.

LAKE AND RIVER REPORT

Written report was reviewed.

DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS –

Motion/second (Toney/Schweder) to approve GREEN LAKE HOLDING COMPANY, LLC as presented. Motion carried.

LANDOWNER CONSERVATION PLANS – none

Gunderson presented a list of eleven (11) CRP participants signed up. Gunderson discussed new security measures limiting Land Conservation to work with the NRCS computer system. More to discussion to follow on how to remedy that to continue the working partnership with NRCS.

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION EVENT

Menu, date of December 4, 2014, and time being 11am – 2pm was established. More discussion to follow next month to finalize guest list.

ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCE DRAFT:

Various ideas were brought up such as how to determine permit fees, safety issues on closed pits and up to date rules/regulations on current pits, and if there will be any “grandfathering” once revised ordinance is adopted. Further discussion to follow.

CLEAN SWEEP GRANT:

2015 Grant Application was discussed

GOLDEN SANDS RC & D:

Green Lake County was accepted and is now a member of Golden Sands RC & D.

VOUCHERS

Motion/second (Toney/Richter) to approve vouchers totaling **\$11,691.84** as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – none

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Dates: November 13, 2014, 3:00 PM in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion
LWLWCA Meeting on October 24th was discussed and asked who will be attending.

ADJOURN

Motion/second (Toney/Dahlke) to adjourn at 5:00PM. Motion carried. Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder