



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
April 14, 2011

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman Stoddard at 8:30am on April 14, 2011 in the Training Room #0914 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Michael Stoddard, Chairman
Thomas Traxler, Jr., Vice-Chair
Susan McConnell
Margaret Whirry
Maureen Schweder
Arnold Dahlke, Jr, FSA Member

Staff Present: James A. Hebbe
Brenda Sondalle

Others Present: Caleb Zahn, USDA-NRCS
Dan Priske, County Board Chair
Charlie Marks, GL Sanitary District
Al Shute, LUPZ
Tony Daley, Berlin Journal
David Wilke, Farm Bureau

AGENDA

Motion (Traxler/McConnell) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion (Schweder/Whirry) to approve and file the March 17, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT none

APPEARANCES none

STAFF REPORTS

Oral USDA-NRCS report was given by Caleb Zahn.
Oral staff LCD report was given by Hebbe.

LAKE & RIVER REPORTS

Green Lake - Stream monitoring project planned for 303d (state-impaired) waters including Silver Creek, White Creek, Roy Creek, and Wuerchs Creek.

Fox River - FRIA adopted by-laws. Several events planned to encourage awareness and stewardship of the Fox River.

Puckaway - Walleye hatchery up and running.

Twin Lakes - 2011 chemical treatment for invasive species planned.

2012 DATCP/DNR NONPOINT SOURCE GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL

Motion (Whirry/Dahlke) to approve and submit the 2012 DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant Application Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Contract as discussed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE (9AM)

Motion (Traxler/Whirry) to move into public hearing at 9am for the updated Land & Water Resource Management Plan. Motion carried.

Hebbe presented and review the planning process and the plan updates.

Traxler felt that more funding should be allocated to Goal 3 "Preserve and Restore Habitat" for promotion of shoreline stabilization. Also more newspaper articles and workshops needed to educate the public. Shoreline stabilization work should continue.

McConnell agreed that shoreline and buffer areas are important.

Charlie Marks, Green Lake Sanitary District, explained how the RSVP (Restoration of Shoreline Vegetation Project) began and how it has become their program.

Al Shute, Land Use Planning & Zoning Director, explained how the shoreland zoning ordinance calls for shoreline restoration and buffering and landowners are doing the work on their own.

David Wilke, Green Lake County Farm Bureau President, stated protecting the environment and maintaining family farms is important to their membership of over 600 members.

Motion (Traxler/Whirry) to close public hearing at 9:48am. Motion carried.

The updated LWRM plan will be forwarded to the state first. A resolution for County Board approval will occur in June.

SUMMER INTERN HIRING APPROVAL

Twenty applications received. Three candidates interviewed on March 21 by staff and Stoddard, Schweder, and Dahlke. After interviews, Jason Ladwig was top candidate. **Motion (Traxler/Dahlke)** to approve the hiring of Jason Ladwig as the summer Invasive Species Intern. Motion carried.

EXPEDITED PLAN REVIEW FEE - STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS

Discussion held. Guidelines and criteria to be determined. **Motion (Traxler/McConnell)** to continue structuring language, consistent with Planning & Zoning Department language, on expedited review fee for the department on any issue that needs to be expedited. Motion carried.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CODE ENFORCEMENT - no action

WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE VOLUNTARY NON-PARTICIPATION REQUEST APPROVALS

Motion (Dahlke/Schweder) to approve the Working Lands Initiative program voluntary non-participation notices for: Fred Marwitz; Allan Brooks; Todd Ewald; and Todd & Warren Ewald. Motion carried.

DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACT APPROVALS

Hebbe presented three projects for county cost-share.

Motion (Traxler/Dahlke) to develop and sign a cost-share contract for Robin Hein & Steve Draeger, 3 water and sediment control basins, \$6,342, Lower Grand River Watershed. Motion carried (abstain-Whirry).

Motion (Dahlke/Traxler) to develop and sign a cost-share contract for Terry & Larry Richter, waterway, \$8,879.50, Lower Grand River Watershed. Motion carried.

Motion (Dahlke/Whirry) to develop and sign a cost-share contract for Edward Westra, terrace repair & waterway, \$1,330, Lower Grand River Watershed. Motion carried.

On future projects, the LCC would like more details ahead of time so they know and understand what these projects are and where they are located.

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVALS

Motion (Dahlke/McConnell) to approve conservation plans as follows: James Pretz; Chris Stollfuss-owner/James Pretz-operator; and Damerow Brothers. Motion carried.

MEETING ATTENDANCE APPROVAL - none

VOUCHERS

Motion (Whirry/Traxler) to approve vouchers totaling \$3,619 not to include vouchers for membership dues of four staff members. Motion carried (abstain-Schweder).

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you from Intern interviewee, Gretchen Chier
- Town of Manchester, discontinue Old Highway 73

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion held on implementing rain gardens around the Government Center. A donor has offered plant materials and prairie seed up to \$10,000 in fair market value. **Motion (McConnell/Traxler)** that the LCC send a letter to the Property & Insurance Committee to implement rain gardens to address the erosion areas around the new Government Center. Motion carried.

Traxler stated that he would like to receive more information on upcoming projects prior to the monthly meetings or the projects may not be approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 8:30am in the Training Room #0914 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake.

ADJOURN

Motion (Whirry/Traxler) to adjourn at 11:15am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Sondalle, Recorder