



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

February 12, 2009

8:30am – 10:45am

Courthouse, Demonstration Room
Green Lake, WI

Call to order: The meeting of the Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman Stoddard. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Michael Stoddard, Chairman
Thomas Traxler, Jr., Vice-Chair
Susan McConnell
Maureen Schweder
Wallace Williams
Pamela Schure, FSA Member

Also Present: Joe Smedberg, USDA-NRCS
Steve Krueger, USDA-APHIS
Daniel Priske, County Board Supervisor
James A. Hebbe, County Conservationist
Brenda Sondalle, Administrative Assistant

Agenda: *Motion (Williams/Schure)* to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes: *Motion (Traxler/Schweder)* to approve and file the January 8, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Wildlife Damage Program - 2008 Damage Claim Approvals: Steve Krueger, USDA-APHIS, presented 2008 damage claims. Of the nine claims presented, it was recommended that one claim be granted an exemption to meeting the harvest objective based on an explanation letter from the landowner and past performance with meeting program objectives. *Motion (Traxler/McConnell)* to grant a harvest objective exemption to permit #08-24-07 Green Lake Holding. Motion carried. *Motion (McConnell/Williams)* to approve 2008 wildlife damage claims in the amount of \$41,165.33 as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Dan Priske shared information he received from a Wisconsin County Legislative Exchange meeting he recently attended. He also expressed concern about the state of the national economy.

Appearances: none

Staff Reports: Hebbe distributed and reviewed the 2008 year-end department report that was prepared for the county board.

Lake Reports:

Little Green Lake: Staff continues to gather information needed for the DNR to issue the permit for the Water & Sediment Control Basin project.

Green Lake: Nutrient management plans are now being developed for much of the land in the watershed.

Puckaway: Three water monitoring gauges were installed last fall and will be calibrated this spring. Carp exclusion areas and aquatic plant monitoring stations will be installed in the spring.

2008 Carryover Funds: *Motion (McConnell/Schure)* to approve \$205,077.14 in carryover funds. Motion carried.

Closed Session: Per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for Personnel Matters, Evaluations: This was postponed until the March meeting.

DATCP/County Cost-Share Contract Approvals: none

Conservation Plan Approvals: *Motion (Williams/McConnell)* to approve conservation plans for: Richard Ihlenfeld, T. Michael Schober, and Merlyn Soda. Motion carried.

Meetings/Attendance Approval: *Motion (Traxler/Schure)* to approve the upcoming meetings for the staff as follows: Wisconsin Assoc. of Land Conservation Employees (WALCE) Conference-Green Bay-February 18-20; Wisconsin Renewable Energy Summit-Milwaukee-March 25 & 26; Town & Country RC&D-February 24; Enhancing the States' Lake Management Programs-Chicago-April 14-17. Motion carried.

Vouchers: *Motion (Williams/McConnell)* to approve vouchers as presented in the amount of \$38,039.06. Motion carried.

Correspondence: none

Committee Discussion and Future Agenda Items: none

Next Meeting Date: The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 8:30am in the Demonstration Room of the Courthouse in Green Lake.

Gypsy Moth Spray Program - Public Hearing 10 am: *Motion (Traxler/Schweder)* to move into the public hearing at 10 am. Motion carried.

Residents present:	Robert Lewis	Jim Grim	Roxana Grim
	Mildred Dahlke	Walter Anderson	Joslyn Anderson
	Leo Duwe	Debra Judd	

Hebbe gave background on the gypsy moth spray program. Todd Morris of the department explained how the egg mass survey was conducted to determine eligible spray block areas.

Leo Duwe, spray block #7, is in favor of the spraying. Was curious why boundary was delineated as it does not include adjoining wooded areas. Morris explained that egg masses were not found in those areas.

Mildred Dahlke, spray block #6, had a lot of gypsy moths on her property. Collected and disposed of the caterpillars she could find. Is in favor of the spraying.

Jim & Roxana Grim, spray block #4, are in favor of the spraying. The defoliation was bad on their property.

Debra Judd, lives on the West end of Big Green Lake on Lakeshore Drive - not in any spray block, said she found two egg masses in her trees last spring and put the burlap bands around her two large oak

trees. She collected about 200 caterpillars and disposed of them in soapy water. She felt good about doing that instead of being sprayed.

Joslyn Anderson, spray block #7, asked if any thought was given to biological controls in the future.

Public Hearing closed at 10:45am.

Adjourn: *Motion (Traxler/Schweder)* to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sondalle
Recorder