



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

February 14, 2008
8:30am – 11:20am
Courthouse Demonstration Room
Green Lake, WI

Call to order: The meeting of the Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Vice-Chair McConnell. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Susan McConnell, Vice-Chair
Vern Ammentorp
Margaret Hollander
Wallace Williams
Pamela Schure, FSA Member

Excused: Michael Stoddard, Chairman

Also Present: Abby Gulseth, NRCS
Krista Nighbor, NRCS
Steve Krueger, USDA APHIS
Jim Holzward, DNR
James A. Hebbe, County Conservationist
Brenda Sondalle, Administrative Assistant

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

Minutes: *Motion (McConnell/Ammentorp)* to approve and file January 10, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Appearances: none

Staff Reports: A written LCD staff report was distributed and reviewed. Abby Gulseth, NRCS, gave an oral report.

Lake Reports:

Little Green Lake: The Little Green Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District needs to acquire an additional 2.5 acres for the upper dam.

Green Lake: Received thanks from the Sanitary District for preparing the Best Management Assessment report.

Puckaway: no update

Other - Twin Lakes: A grant for removing Aquatic Invasive Species (Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed) was submitted to the DNR.

Wildlife Damage Program - 2007 Damage Claim Approvals: Steve Krueger, USDA-APHIS, and Jim Holzgart, DNR, presented 2007 damage claims. Of the 11 claims presented, it was recommended that 2 claims be granted exemptions to meeting the harvest objective based on good hunter log documentation and where deer either were not available or because of a lack of receiving hunter calls. **Motion (Schure/Williams)** to grant harvest objective exemptions to: permit #07-24-01 Tom Vinz and permit #07-24-14 James Hebbe based on good hunter log documentation and where deer either were not available or because of a lack of receiving hunter calls. Motion carried.

Motion (Williams/Ammertorp) to approve 2007 wildlife damage claims in the amount of \$56,509.32 as presented. Motion carried.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant Application Approval: Hebbe applied to the DNR on behalf of the Twin Lakes Association for an aquatic invasive species control grant. The grant will assist with eradicating Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed which are threatening to overtake the existing native vegetation in Big and Little Twin Lakes. **Motion (Ammertorp/Schure)** to approve the DNR grant application for Aquatic Invasive Species Control. Motion carried.

DATCP/County Cost-Share Contract Approvals: **Motion (Hollander/Ammertorp)** to approve cost-share contracts for:

- Roy & Jan Manweiler, \$300, Well Decommissioning (Upper Fox River-Berlin Watershed)
- St. John's Lutheran Church, \$300, Well Decommissioning (Big Green Lake Watershed)

Motion carried.

Conservation Plan Approvals: **Motion (McConnell/Williams)** to approve conservation plans for: Daniel Seymer; Robin Hein & Steve Draeger; and Proscarian Farms LLC-owner/Randy Laper-operator. Motion carried.

Meetings/Attendance Approval: **Motion (Williams/Ammertorp)** to approve upcoming meetings as follows:

- Clean Sweep meeting, Feb. 27, Oshkosh - 1 staff
- WALCE Employee Professional Improvement Conference, Feb. 27-29, Minocqua - 5 staff
- Renewable Energy & Bio-Fuels Conference, March 12-14, Milwaukee - 1 staff

Motion carried.

Vouchers: **Motion (Hollander/Schure)** to approve vouchers as presented in the amount of \$10,380.36. Motion carried.

- Correspondence:**
- WLWCA "Thursday Note" newsletter
 - LWLWCA 2008 Meeting/Activity schedule

- Committee Discussion and Future Agenda Items:**
- Clean Sweep update
 - 2009 Platbook

Next Meeting Date: The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 8:30am in the County Board Room of the Courthouse in Green Lake.

A 5-minute recess was taken at 9:55am prior to the gypsy moth public hearing.

Gypsy Moth Spray Program - Public Hearing 10am: **Motion (Hollander/Ammertorp)** to move into public hearing at 10:00am. Motion carried.

Residents present:	Jerry Gmoser	Jim Trochiniski	Diane Trochinski
	Krista Nighbor	Bob Nickolai	Paul Schoebel
	Debra Judd	Gertrude Stein	Glenn Stein
	Mary Hill	Orrin Helmer	

Hebbe gave an explanation of the gypsy moth spray program.

Jim Trochinski, spray block #4, was in favor of the spraying and wanted to make sure his property got sprayed. Hebbe responded that yes if his property was in the spray block as indicated on the maps, then his property would be sprayed.

Gertrude Stein, spray block #15, shared her past experience with the gypsy moths on her property and her 100 year old defoliated oak. Her and her husband Glenn are in favor of the spraying. Mrs. Stein also commented on the cost of having a dead tree removed.

Paul Schoebel, spray block #6, submitted his payment.

Bob Nickolai, Marquette County resident, commented that he was too late to be included in Marquette County's spray program and was wondering if being he was just across the county line from Spray Block #3, if he could be sprayed at the same time block #3 is sprayed. Hebbe responded that spray program coordination could not cross county lines. It is too late now to be included in the state's aerial spraying program but Mr. Nickolai could arrange spraying on his own. Hebbe will provide Mr. Nickolai with information on licensed private applicators.

Jerry Gmoser, owner of 3 parcels in spray block #9, questioned why this cost wasn't covered by property taxes. Hebbe responded that counties are under tax increase limitations and this is a new program in Green Lake County. Also, spray block costs were not available at the time the 2008 county budget was set. Mr. Gmoser further commented that he would like information on the results of the spraying.

Krista Nighbor, spray block #3, has already submitted her payment.

Mary Hill, spray block #18, submitted her payment.

Debra Judd, spray block #9, commented that she supports prevention but asked how serious the situation was. Her understanding is that the moths do not move very quickly. She researched on the internet about the toxicity of Foray Btk, the spray that will be used, and had many questions about what other butterflies, moths, and mammals will be affected, what kind of monitoring is done, what is the concentration of Foray in the formula, and if any chemicals in Foray are genetically modified? Hebbe's response about BtK was based on the information the DNR provided on the spray.

Public Hearing closed at 11:20am.

Adjourn: *Motion (Ammentorp/Williams)* to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sondalle, Recorder