

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE November 10, 2011

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman Stoddard at 8:30am on November 10, 2011 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.

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 Others Present: Jen Kaiser, GLA

Derek Kavanaugh

Brenda Sondalle

Caleb Zahn, USDA-NRCS

Al Shute, LUPZ Director

Tony Daley, Berlin Journal

AGENDA

Motion (Schweder/Whirry) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion (Traxler/Dahlke) to approve and file the October 13, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

APPEARANCES

Caleb Zahn, USDA-NRCS, gave a brief update on his agency's upcoming projects.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

Written staff report was reviewed. Hebbe shared a draft letter he prepared for Supervisor JoAnne Guden requesting his opinion on county corporation counsel needs.

LAKE & RIVER REPORT

<u>Big Green Lake</u> – Jen Kaiser, GLA, updated on the upcoming projects for the lake management plan. A citizens survey is planned.

Twin Lakes – The 2011 aquatic plant chemical treatment is complete.

<u>Lake Puckaway</u> – Water sampling completed for the year. Sampling results will be summarized. Commercial fisherman began removing carp from the lake.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE APPEARANCES

Certified letters were sent to 10 landowners inviting them to appear to discuss their noncompliance status. No one appeared but several landowners did contact the department to discuss their situation. *Motion (Traxler/McConnell)* to proceed with the Notices of Noncompliance for:

Bender, Melvin A & Becky M	170.029 ac	Gohlke, Debra J & Cheryl Rohde	79.94 ac
Eagen LLC, O	26.66 ac	Jenkin, Neal & Jacquelyn R	276.58 ac
Eagen LLC, O and Oliver & Donald	73.77 ac	Page, Dennis L	56.96 ac
Eagen Farms	189.5 ac	Siewert, David L & Joan M	121.49 ac
Frens, Lauren J & Mary J	188.84 ac	Stel, Richard et al c/o Sylvester St	el 297 ac
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Motion carried.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM VOLUNTARY NON-PARTICIPATION REQUESTS

Motion (Whirry/McConnell) to accept the voluntary non-participation requests for: James H. Janes, Town of Berlin; and Jerry & Arlinda M. Lieske, Town of Green Lake. Motion carried.

BOAT MOTOR PURCHASE

Four bids received as follows for a 25hp motor fully installed:

Wolf River Marine – Fremont – Evinrude brand \$3,394
Anchor Marine – Appleton – Yamaha brand \$3,443
Shoreline Boat Center – Green Lake – Mercury brand \$3,700
Mercury Marine direct (not installed) \$4,321

The government prices for the different brands were close in range and the Committee felt it would be good to shop in the county. The local dealer would be convenient for maintenance and service as well. *Motion (Whirry/McConnell)* to approve the boat motor purchase from Shoreline Boat Center in Green Lake for \$3,700. Motion carried.

WLWCA AND WALCE MERGER

The Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) is comprised of Land Conservation Committees from across the state. The Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees (WALCE) is comprised of Land Conservation Department staff from across the state. Discussion held. *Motion (Traxler/McConnell)* to support the WLWCA and WALCE merger because the merged group would have a stronger lobbying voice. Motion carried.

2012 BUDGET

Budget approved at November 8, 2011 County Board meeting.

DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACT APPROVALS - none

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVALS

Motion (Dahlke/Whirry) to approve conservation plans for: Warren Schmeckpeper; Dennis Ball; Neil Siewert-owner/Ross Manthey-operator. Motion carried.

MEETING ATTENDANCE APPROVAL

Motion (Traxler/McConnell) to approve per diem and mileage for the LCC to attend the Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) annual meeting December 8 & 9, 2011 in Wisconsin Dells. Motion carried, 1 abstain (Schweder).

VOUCHERS

Motion (McConnell/Traxler) to correct one voucher listed for training on the claim list from \$70 to \$125. Motion carried. **Motion (McConnell/Whirry)** to approve vouchers totaling \$10,191.56. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - none

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion on the shoreland zoning ordinance that was not approved at the November 8, 2011 County Board Meeting. The Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee will be holding a special meeting on November 15, 2011 to answer questions on the ordinance changes.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 8:30am in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake.

ADJOURN

Motion (Traxler/Whirry) to adjourn at 9:50am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Sondalle, Recorder