

## Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

**Date of Meeting:** April 2, 2013  
**Members Present:** Dave Solin, William Bostwick, Glenn Remington, Holly Matucheski, Arlene Bonacci  
**Members Absent:** Eugene Kamps  
**Others Present:** Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Duane Haakenson, Janet Brehm  
**Location:** Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Solin at 3 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

No minutes were approved. They will be sent with next month's agenda for approval. Bostwick made a motion to excuse Kamps. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Old Business/Report of Events Attended:**

Bostwick attended a Rollingstone Lake meeting. Solin, Brehm and Graupner attended the WLWCA conference. Solin will host a bus tour this summer of tree farms. Sessions were held on forestry standards, nutrient management planning, invasive species, manure pathogens, and shoreland restoration.

### **2014 Joint DATCP/DNR Grant Application:**

The 2014 allocation is based on 2012 staffing dollars. Application is due April 15. Allocations are \$75,000 base salary; Graupner is requesting \$77,591; \$75,000 bonding; and \$28,000 SEG. Based on a new formula, we would be losing \$15,242 from the allocation.

### **2013 Youth Camp:**

Youth Camp will be held in June. We have had a couple of White Lake youth who have attended in the past. Or we could use the money intended for camp to pay for training for Janet Brehm. Discussion was held and the committee would like to see both happen.

Graupner will send a letter to guidance counselors in the three school districts and follow up with a phone call. Information will also be sent to 4-H club leaders. Holly made a motion to offer the camp to one representative from each school district with a maximum of three attending. If no one from one district applies, then we could accept two from another district. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bonacci made a motion to send Janet Brehm to training on soil health at a cost of \$210. The training consists of a field day, classroom, and internet classes and will be at the Marshfield Research Center. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **ATCP 50:**

ATCP 50 is a re-write of the rules that Land Conservation follows. Public hearings are being held around the state. Graupner wrote a letter to be read into the public hearing minutes. ATCP would impose new standards and reduce funding. It would reduce funding for non-ag practices and would eliminate cost share dollars on any public lands. Graupner's letter asks to leave

SWRM base allocation at \$85,000 to reduce the negative impact on reduction of staff and technical assistance. The committee discussed having Solin also send a letter. Bostwick made a motion to have both Solin and Graupner send letters about their concerns with ATCP 50. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Department Update:**

Graupner sent in the annual report to DATCP. She was a speaker during a webinar on the AEA. She worked on a newsletter that is sent out twice a year and ordered materials for Soil Stewardship Week. There is one FPP AEA application from Greg, Terry & Sharon Schroeffer. Nutrient management plans are coming in. NCLWCA meets in Antigo on May 23.

Duane Haakenson discussed the reason why landowners in the Township of Price can't claim exclusive AEA tax credits because the town did not adopt county zoning in 1985. With the updating of the Land and Water Resource Management Plan in 2014, this might be the time to look at this again. Duane will meet with Dennis Lawrence from Regional Planning about the possibility of certifying Price. The zoning maps would need updating. Graupner has asked for an extension from DATCP for the Land & Water Resource Management Plan.

The "Thursday Note" and a list of ACRONYMS were handed out.

**Bills:**

Bills were reviewed.

**Upcoming Events:**

Solin is attending a sustainable forestry meeting in Florence on April 11. Janet Brehm is attending a technician meeting in Park Falls on April 18 and a grazing workshop in Wausau on May 16. Graupner and Brehm will attend the WI Lakes Conference in Green Bay on April 9-11. Earth Week is April 14-20. RC&D is April 17 in Oconto County. Kamps, Solin, and possibly Brehm will attend. The Wisconsin Counties Association meets April 25 in Shawano. A county conservationist meeting is being held May 9-10 in Wisconsin Rapids. NCLWCA meets here May 23.

NRCS will attend LCC meetings on an every other month basis unless there is something special to discuss.

**Next Meeting:**

The next LCC meeting will be May 6, 2013, at 3 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Bostwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Sally Hull