

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: April 2, 2014
Members Present: Dave Solin, Arlene Bonacci, William Bostwick, Josh Willson
Members Absent: Holly Matucheski, Eugene Kamps
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Duane Haakenson, Molly McKay, Pete Pennington
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Solin at 3:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Bostwick made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business/Report of Events Attended:

Bostwick attended a Post Lake and a Rollingstone Lake meeting. Both have received money from Mole Lake to use for improvements. Solin and Graupner attended the Land and Water Association meeting. Molly has been attending tech meetings. Graupner attended a DATCP meeting about updated programs.

FPP/Land & Water Resource Management Plan:

The Farmland Preservation and Land & Water Resource Management Plans need to be re-written in 2014 and combined into one plan. The North Central Regional Planning Commission is helping with the process. This plan needs to be presented in Madison in December of this year. Duane Haakenson is writing a grant to help with 50% of the cost for re-writing the plans. Bostwick made a motion to allow Duane to sign the grant application. Dave Solin seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

NCLWCA Summer Tour:

Graupner and Solin attended a meeting in Wausau and volunteered to coordinate the summer tour for this year. It will be held Thursday, August 7, and a tour of the Research Station will take place in the morning and the group will then go to Veterans Memorial Park for a picnic lunch and will tour the Arboretum. Graupner will check into a bus or getting Menominee Transit to provide transportation.

2015 DATCP Grant Application:

The grant application for 2015 is due in Madison by April 15. The grant asks for base funding, bonding dollars, and nutrient management funds. Duane explained how the state has changed the rules regarding funding for the first position in the department and how it needs to be 100% land conservation. Bostwick made a motion to approve the grant application and have Solin sign it. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Share Contracts:

DATCP has added a rule that SWRM contracts need to be brought to LCC for approval or be signed by a designated representative. Bostwick made a motion to designate Duane Haakenson as the representative who can sign the contracts and then bring them back to the LCC committee. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Molly is waiting for new CAD software used to design plans. There are also several farmers who need nutrient management plans. We may also have one candidate who is eligible for DNR TRM money for a manure storage concern.

Department Update:

ATCP 50 will be law as of May 1. Graupner held SNAP-Plus 2 training at NTC. A grazing workshop will be held in June. Marie and Molly attended a TIP meeting. Marie attended a hazardous waste meeting in Green Bay. A copy of the 2013 Wisconsin Custom Rate Guide was handed out.

Bills:

Bills were reviewed.

Upcoming Events:

TIP will be held here April 15. RC&D is April 17 in Florence County. The WI Lakes Conference is April 24-26 in Stevens Point. Marie will attend on April 25. Solin may possibly attend. NCLWCA will be held in Antigo on May 29.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be May 5, at 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

Bonacci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull