

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: April 5, 2011
Members Present: Mike Klimoski, Eugene Kamps, Rick Bina, Tom Schultz, William Bostwick, Glenn Remington
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Klimoski at 9 a.m.

Approve Minutes and Agenda:

Kamps made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2011 meeting. Bina seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business/Report of Events Attended:

Bostwick attended a meeting for Rollingstone Lake. Klimoski will be attending the Mary Lake meeting. Kamps said Friends of Moose Lake want to form a lake association.

Graupner attended the WALCE meeting last week in Stevens Point. Ben Brancel, DATCP, was present and discussion was held on the state budget and cuts to programs. The Working Lands Initiative is still in the budget. The vision is to have Ag Enterprise Areas become TIF areas for agricultural infrastructure. Cathy Steep, DNR, reported that DNR staffing is down. The DNR is looking at new tools for nutrient management. A map of the farmland preservation areas in Wisconsin was passed around.

Farmland Preservation Program:

Approve Farmland Preservation Agreement Applications:

Graupner presented two agreements for approval. Tim Draeger has 240 acres in the Town of Ackley that is zoned A-1. Tim is a dairy farmer. Schultz made a motion to accept the farmland preservation agreement for Tim Draeger. Bina seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Guenther has 314 acres in the Town of Antigo, on which he grows potatoes, oats, corn and hay. Bina made a motion to approve the farmland preservation agreement for William Guenther. Remington seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approve Certificates of Compliance w/Conservation Standards:

Two new certificates for compliance were submitted by Kenneth Rank and Evergreen Dairy and one certificate for a change of ownership from Violet Bina to Tammy Bina. All three have nutrient management plans. Schultz made a motion to approve the certificates of compliance with conservation standards for Kenneth Rank, Evergreen Dairy, and Tammy Bina. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chapter 19 Re-Write:

Graupner said she checked on rewriting the county ordinance regarding farmland preservation and setting a time limit on notices of noncompliance. A notice must be given to the landowner so they can contest or discuss the notice of noncompliance. We currently charge a fee of \$10 for failure to certify compliance, but the ordinance states the amount shall not exceed \$50 per

participant per year. Kamps made a motion to raise the fee from \$10 to \$50. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

SWRM:

2012 Application:

The application for 2012 SWRM dollars has been submitted for funding staff, SWRM implementation and nutrient management.

Approve Cost Share Agreement:

Ronald and Tammie Rau, Town of Peck, have submitted a cost share application to plant trees for windbreaks on three sites on their land. Total cost is \$9854.90 and cost sharing is a 70/30 split. Bina made a motion to approve the cost share agreement for Ronald and Tammie Rau. Remington seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss Essential Functions for Department Programs:

April 8 is the deadline to submit the program ranking documents. Graupner reviewed the questions with the committee and will submit the final document.

Department Update:

A department update was mailed to the committee. Graupner said soil and water stewardship materials were sent to four churches. Graupner and Peggy Lane will be meeting with Jolynne Schroepfer this week on cost share practices.

Bills:

Kamps made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Upcoming Events:

Graupner attended WALCE in Stevens Point on March 31-April 1.

RC&D will be held in Oneida County on April 28. Schultz and Kamps will be attending. NCLWCA will be held here at the VFW on June 10, 9 a.m.

Graupner handed out a resolution from DATCP regarding keeping the PACE (Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement) Program in place in the state budget. This will be forwarded to the Executive Committee on April 14 and then on to county board.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be held May 3 at 9 a.m.

Adjournment:

Bina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull