

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: April 9, 2012
Members Present: Mike Klimoski, William Bostwick, Glenn Remington, Eugene Kamps, Tom Schultz
Members Absent: Rick Bina
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Becky Frisch, Duane Haakenson, Peggy Lane, Pam Denzine, Tammy Kubiacyk
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Klimoski at 10 a.m.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Bostwick made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Kamps made a motion to excuse Bina from the meeting. Remington seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business/Report of Events Attended:

Bostwick attended the Pickerel-Crane Lake meeting. Crane Lake is being stocked this year. Graupner attended a County Conservationist meeting. Discussion at the meeting focused on the staffing grant for counties and how to interpret the process of how a bill becomes law.

Agency Reports:

Peggy Lane and Pam Denzine from NRCS were at the meeting. Peggy talked about the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). There was \$400,000 made in payments for 50 contracts. Fifteen were here in Langlade County. Rankings have just been completed for this year but numbers are extremely low. EQIP sign up closed in February. Peggy has requested a re-evaluation of ranking as Langlade and Marathon Counties have not gotten any EQIP farmstead contracts in the past three years. There are seven pasture & cropland EQIP contracts for 2012 with five of those being in Langlade County. There are zero dollars for Wildlife Habitat this year. Pam has been working on construction project plans and has been attending trainings.

Farmland Preservation Program:

A Certificate of Compliance with Conservation Standards for FPP Tax Credits for Gary Waldvogel was presented. He has two parcels covered by a nutrient management plan that he rents out. Schultz made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for Gary Waldvogel for the two parcels. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Two voluntary removals were presented. One is for Harry Bina with 80 acres in Ackley that he rents out. The other is Dennis Seis with 89 acres south of Antigo. Schultz made a motion to approve the Notice of Noncompliance for Harry Bina and Dennis Seis so they can voluntarily be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program. All ayes. Motion carried.

Donald and Lila Gallenberg have one parcel in Ackley that is farmed by Jim Gallenberg. They have claimed FPP tax credits before and are applying to be in the AEA. Kamps made a motion to approve the application for Donald and Lila Gallenberg for the AEA. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Alex Crockford, Becky Frisch, Marie Graupner, and staff from Marathon County submitted an application to modify the boundary of the Antigo Flats AEA and add an additional 13,000 acres.

Lumberjack RC&D Projects/Awards:

Tammy Kubiaczyk from the Langlade County Forestry Department would like to apply for a Lumberjack RC&D grant for signage for county parks and waysides. The old signs are wooden and are showing signs of extreme weathering. The new signs would be aluminum. Tammy passed around some samples of what the new signs would look like. Total cost for 37 signs would be \$6300. Labor to install the signs would come from the Forestry budget. The committee suggested including recognition of RC&D somewhere on the signs. Schultz made a motion to approve applying for a Lumberjack RC&D grant for signage. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Graupner and Kamps will be attending the RC&D meeting.

SWRM:

The 2013 grant application is due to DATCP by April 16. The grant includes base funding for staffing of \$75,000, \$80,000 for bonding, and \$28,000 for SEG funds. Kamps made a motion to approve the 2013 grant application for SWRM. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Status of cost share applications for use of 2012 bonding and SEG funds, and the carryover of 2011 funds were reviewed. Funds cannot be allocated yet as we have not been received the 2012 grant contract. Becky Frisch said the contract with Lincoln County for technical services has been signed.

Youth Camp:

The LCC sponsored one student went to youth camp last year. This year's camp it will be held at Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River. Cost is \$175 to attend. Schultz made a motion to have Graupner send a letter to the school districts looking for one candidate from each school district. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Application is due May 25.

Concern of Agricultural Use in Road Ditches:

Graupner Received an email about the use of agricultural practices in road ditches within the county. The farmer was concerned about surface water drainage being altered. The committee felt this needs to be referred to the Highway Committee for further consideration.

Department Update:

Graupner handed out a DATCP report and a copy of the Langlade County Land Conservation Committee Accomplishments for 2011. The Land & Water Resource Management Plan is due for the next calendar year. 2012 Plat Books are on sale now. Graupner has been visited SWRM sites and helped with two NMP trainings. She has put up two bulletin boards in the past couple of months.

Bills:

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

Upcoming Events:

The WI Lakes Conference is this week, April 10-12, in Green Bay. Remington made a motion that Graupner attend the conference on April 11 at a cost of \$85 for the day. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Cooperative Weed Management is set for April 16 in Shawano and RC&D in Forest County on April 20.

Next Meeting:

The next Land Conservation meeting will be May 14 at 10 a.m.

Adjourn:

Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Klimoski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull