

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: August 5, 2013
Members Present: Dave Solin, Glenn Remington, Holly Matucheski, Arlene Bonacci, Eugene Kamps, William Bostwick
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Janet Brehm, Duane Haakenson, Drew Kelly, Stephanie Plaster, Chris Arrowood
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:

Matucheski 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:

Graupner attended a Waterways meeting, RC&D meeting and a meeting with the State Conservationist in Wausau. Bostwick attended a Post Lake meeting. Remington attended the Enterprise Lake meeting. Kamps attended the Bass Lake meeting.

Agency Report/APHIS/Wolf Hunting Permits:

Jeremy Irish said there are eight enrollees for wildlife damage. Three have deer harvest permits and two have turkey permits. Two farms have had problems with wolves killing cattle. They have been issued wolf shooting permits. The phone number for reporting wolf predation is 800-228-1368.

Invasive Inventory:

Chris Arrowood projects he will be done with the invasive plant inventory by August 20. He has found wild parsnip along several roadways in Langlade County. There is a bulletin board in the hallway next to LCC with information on invasive species.

Lumberjack RC&D Forestry Awards:

George Lehrer will be receiving the Stewardship of the Year Award and Langlade County will receive an award for the wood technology center at the RC&D meeting in October.

Purchase of AutoCAD:

Duane Haakenson is looking to purchase an AutoCAD program for his department. The program would be used for designs and surveys and would include a three year license. There is funding remaining in a Spring Brook Watershed account that could go towards the purchase. Bostwick made a motion to approve the purchase of AutoCAD using funds from the watershed account not to exceed \$2000 from that account. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Project Updates:

Janet Brehm updated the committee on current projects including manure transfer areas and animal lanes, milkhouse waste, fencing, and a retention pond.

2014 DATCP Allocation:

Graupner handed out a listing of allocations for 2014 from DATCP. Amounts include \$75,000 staffing, \$28,000 SEG, and \$52,500 bonding. We lost funding in allocations due to the census of agriculture not being returned by landowners. Graupner would like to do a letter to DATCP to adjust these amounts and ask for more staffing dollars. Bonacci made a motion to sign a letter to DATCP asking them to adjust our allocation. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

2014-15 Land Conservation Budgets:

The 2014-15 projected budgets were reviewed. Bonacci made a motion to approve the 2014-15 preliminary budgets. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Department Update:

Graupner has been working on department budgets. She attended a meeting with the NRCS state conservationist and an RC&D meeting. Cost share projects are being completed. The invasive species inventory is almost completed. Graupner is requesting more information on recycling used AG plastics. She had a booth at the 2013 fair which generated some interest in Land Conservation activities.

Bills:

Bills were reviewed.

Upcoming Events:

NCLWCA Summer Tour is set for August 23. Matucheski, Solin and Graupner will attend. Graupner will attend a DATCP/NM workshop on August 30 in Wausau. Brehm is attending a soil health meeting tomorrow.

Next Meeting Date:

The next LCC meeting will be September 9, at 3 p.m.

Adjourn:

Bostwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull