

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: December 2, 2013
Members Present: Dave Solin, Glenn Remington, Holly Matucheski, Arlene Bonacci, Eugene Kamps
Members Absent: William Bostwick
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Molly McKay, Peggy Winter, Jeremy Irish, Duane Haakenson
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Solin at 3:23 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

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

Old Business/Report of Events Attended:

None

Agency Reports:

NRCS – Peggy Winter had a handout on permits for EQIP projects. Conservation Stewardship signup is due January 17. Ranking for EQIP will be January 24. EQIP contracts will be issued March 28. A new practice from the state NRCS office will be followed for obtaining permits for EQIP projects. NRCS's local workgroup will be combined with other counties. Final details are being developed.

Wildlife Damage Cooperative Service Agreement:

The Cooperative Service Agreement for Wildlife Damage is updated every five years. Act 82 includes language that if a participant who gets a shooting permit, but does not allow hunting on the property will have their claim denied. Also, if a farmer doesn't shoot the number of deer listed on his permit, the farmer cannot receive a claim for damages. Matucheski made a motion to approve the agreement. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. There are no wildlife damage claims in Langlade County for 2013.

Farmland Preservation Program:

Notice of Noncompliance – Self certification letters were mailed on September 26 with a return deadline of November 1. After November 1, Graupner notified all non responders with a phone call. Non responders received a certified letters that was mailed on November 15 giving them until December 2 to respond. There was no response from Arrowood by that date. After a certificate of noncompliance is issued, the Department of Revenue is notified. Matucheski made a motion to issue a certificate of noncompliance to Matt Arrowood. Remington seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Withdrawal – Jan Sykora has requested to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program. Bonacci made a motion to approve the request for removal. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Certificate of Compliance – One quarter of the spot checks are completed each year and Certificates of Compliance are issued to those that comply. Kamps made a motion to approve the certificates of compliance and two that are pending for the December county board. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Citizens Advisory Committee for Farmland Preservation Plan/Land & Water Management:

The list of names was presented to the November Water and Land Use Committee. Members are Andy Bures, Tom Wild, Roy Gallenberg, Greg Schroepfer, Dan Heistad, Sonny Wreczycki, Helen Wanca, Dave Kautza, and Paul Schuman. The Technical Advisory Committee will also include DNR and county forestry members. Matucheski made a motion to accept the list of members to the Citizens Advisory Committee. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. A resolution will go to county board in December and the first meeting will be held in February.

Project Updates:

Most of the projects are complete and paperwork has been submitted. We received SEG dollars from Shawano County. Excess funds were transferred to Lincoln County.

Department Update:

Spot checks are completed. Graupner gave a presentation at Farm Bureau about LCC programs. She sent out the survey about recycling Ag plastics. Nutrient management classes are being held in December and January.

Remington's term on FSA is expiring. This will be his last LCC meeting. FSA will select the Langlade County replacement after they count their election ballots.

Bills:

Bills were reviewed. Budget is in good shape.

Upcoming Events:

Soil, Water and Nutrient Management will be held on December 10 in Shawano. Graupner and Stephanie Plaster will attend.

Nutrient Management Farmer Training will be held December 11 and 18 here.

CWMA-TIP is being held December 17 in Keshena.

Lumberjack RC&D will be held in late January in Vilas County. Forestry award applications are due by the end of December.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be January 13, 2014, at 3 p.m.

Adjourn:

Bonacci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. Remington seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull