

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: February 10, 2014
Members Present: Dave Solin, Josh Willson, Holly Matucheski, Arlene Bonacci, Eugene Kamps, William Bostwick
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Sally Hull, Molly McKay, Duane Haakenson, Peggy Winter, Robin Stowe, Matt Arrowood, Tina Rutzen
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. Josh Willson was introduced to the committee. He replaces Glenn Remington.

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:

Solin and Graupner attended RC&D in January. Both grant proposals for the inventory of invasive species were approved at the meeting. Solin said nominees are needed for the Friend of Forestry award for this year.

Matt Arrowood Addresses Committee:

Matt Arrowood addressed the committee regarding farmland preservation status. He did not sign the paperwork last fall to be in compliance but asked to do so for this year. Graupner said he will need to be treated as new to the program since he missed the deadline last year. Kamps made a motion to allow Arrowood back into compliance for FFP for tax year 2014 when all needed paperwork is completed. Willson seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

NRCS:

Peggy Winter discussed CSP payments. These are currently being paid. EQIP sign up closed in December. A local workgroup is restructuring and 2015 EQIP discussions are beginning. Peggy will be on maternity leave for March and April and Michael Stinebrink will fill in for her.

Department Carryover:

A request to carryover \$8,400 for a SWRM project will be made.

FPP/LWRM:

The FPP/LWRM plan needs to be written this year and submitted to the Land & Water Conservation board in December. The old plan FPP plan was written in 1982. There is reimbursement from DATCP to revise the FPP plan. North Central Regional Planning is helping Duane Haakenson with the planning and writing of the FPP/LWRM plan. There will be a joint meeting of the Land Conservation Committee, Water & Land Use Committee, the Citizens Advisory Committee, and Technical Advisory Committee on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Board Room.

Job Description for Land Conservationist:

Local 36-A has requested a unit clarification and is asking that several non-union positions in the county be moved into the union. The position of Land Conservationist has been moved into the Courthouse Union and the County Surveyor's position has been moved into the Professional Union. Robin Stowe will be checking into what is considered the dividing line between the two unions and whether a professional degree is the difference.

Presentation on Invasive Species:

Due to time restraints, the presentation was tabled until a later date.

Department Update:

There is new language in the cost share contracts for 2014. The contracts will need to be authorized by the Land Conservation Committee before the county signs them.

Dave Solin is now a member of the NCLWCA board. He is running for the state Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB).

Upcoming Events:

Graupner and Solin will attend NCLWCA in Wausau on February 21. Molly McKay and Graupner will attend the Wisconsin River Water Quality meeting in Stevens Point on February 14. Graupner will attend an invasive plant meeting in Norway, MI, on February 26. WLWCA will be held in Appleton on March 10-12. Solin, McKay and Graupner will attend.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be March 3, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

Bonacci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull