

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: February 13, 2012
Members Present: Mike Klimoski, William Bostwick, Glenn Remington,
Eugene Kamps, Tom Schultz, Rick Bina
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Becky Frisch, Duane Haakenson,
Jeremy Irish
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:

Kamps made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business/Report of Events Attended:

Kamps and Schultz did not attend RC&D in January due to bad weather.

Agency Reports:

Graupner handed out a trout stocking quota report from the DNR. There were no other agency reports.

Wildlife Damage Control Claims:

Jeremy Irish gave a summary of 2011 wildlife damage claims. Four claims for a total of \$2243.49 after deductibles were approved on a motion by Schultz with a second by Bostwick. All ayes. Motion carried. The majority of claims are bear damage with some deer damage.

The venison donation program in Langlade County had four deer donated for a total of 111 pounds. Jeremy talked about the delisting of wolves. His agency will only trap them if requested by a farmer.

Bids for Hembel Project:

Duane Haakenson presented some photos of the shoreland restoration project at Rollingsstone Lake for the Michael & Julie Hembel. The project is on the east northeast side of the lake next to the boat landing. Approvals have been obtained from the DNR, the Army Corps, and Cultural Resources. The rocks for the project need to be hauled in now while the ground is frozen to avoid damage to the landscape once the ground thaws. Three bids were opened for the project:

1. Duffek Sand & Gravel - \$10,887
2. Four Seasons - \$6253
3. Outdoor Rooms, Inc. - \$5573

Bina made a motion to go with Outdoor Rooms, Inc., provided the project passes the necessary approvals. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. The Hembel's can accept any of the bids but they would need to pay the difference if they do not go with the lower bid. The project was started last summer and is being funded with 2011 SWRM funding.

Farmland Preservation Program:

There are no requests for certificates of compliance at this time.

Applications for FFP AEA agreements were presented from James Frisch, Ed & Randy Schmutzer, Merry's Berries, Bernard Urban, and Jane Walters. Schultz made a motion to approve these FFP applications. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

When the AEA area was first established, no resolutions were necessary. Some farmers with land just outside the existing boundaries of the AEA are asking to modify the boundaries of the AEA area to include more land. To do this, a resolution must be passed at county board. This resolution would be sponsored by LCC and Water and Land Use. Schultz made a motion to have LCC co-sponsor a resolution to modify the boundary of the Antigo Flats AEA. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Water and Land Use has already approved the resolution.

Update on Contract with Lincoln County:

Robin Stowe and the Lincoln County Corporation Counsel have both reviewed the contract with Lincoln County. The contract states that Lincoln County will pay workers compensation and supply some field equipment for use in Langlade County. Graupner, Duane Haakenson, and Becky Frisch will be going to Lincoln County to meet with staff there later this week. Once the state funding is known, the signed contract should be ready.

SWRM:

Reductions are proposed for 2012 SWRM funding for staffing. Base funding will drop from \$85,000 to \$75,000. The 2013 grant application is due in April.

There are two projects remaining from 2011 SWRM funds and five possible projects for 2012. NRCS is working on some of the plans for the 2012 projects. The LCC committee has the option of deciding which projects should be funded based on a set of criteria established by the committee.

Department Update:

Graupner sent out an update for the LCC department.

Bills:

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

Upcoming Events:

WALCE will be held February 29 to March 2 in Eau Claire. Graupner will be attending. Invasive Plants will be held March 7 in Eagle River. Cost is \$10. County Conservationists will meet April 4-5 in Wausau. The WI Lakes Conference in Green Bay will be April 10-12. RC&D is April 20 in Forest County. Langlade County will be hosting the 2013 NCLWCA summer tour. There will be hazardous waste training in Marathon County on March 20.

The Water and Land Use Committee discussed updating the FPP plan by 2014. Local funding should be sought first and then DATCP may reimburse the county. The Land and Water Resource Management Plan will be re-written in 2013.

Set Next Meeting Date:

The next LCC meeting will be March 12 at 10 a.m. Meetings will be set for the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

Adjournment:

Bina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull