

## **Minutes of Land Conservation Committee**

**Date of Meeting:** January 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, Ron Zalewski, Matt Peplinski  
**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 and to excuse Bina from the meeting. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Old Business/Report of Events Attended:**

Graupner and Schultz attended the WLWCA Conference in Wisconsin Dells. Resolutions that were presented all passed including the one merging WLWCA and WALCE.

### **Agency Reports:**

Ron Zalewski from the DNR handed out a report for the Antigo Service Center. The Antigo Center will now be open five days a week from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The White Lake Ranger Station is being closed. The number of foresters is being reduced from 5 to 4 and the number of technicians from 4 to 2. With the lack of snow, the DNR is out marking some timber sales for the spring timber sale. There were 61 MFL entries for 4660 acres for 2012. The deadline for 2013 entries is June 1, 2012.

Matt Peplinski reported for FSA. The 2012 DCP program starts January 23. The 2012 budget was approved in November with a 14% reduction. With some reductions in personnel throughout the state, the budget still looks ok. Some office closures and consolidations may happen this year but should not affect Langlade County.

### **Arboretum Project:**

The Arboretum project was approved by Lumberjack RC&D in October (1<sup>st</sup> approval). The 2<sup>nd</sup> approval was at their December meeting. The amount approved for the project is \$7355. Schultz made a motion to approve that financing for the project go through Land Conservation with reimbursement to Land Conservation by RC&D. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Schultz will follow through with Forestry on this financing arrangement so no more than the approved amount is spent on the project.

### **Farmland Preservation Program:**

Graupner presented certificates of compliance for James Raab; Patrick and Elaine Higgins; Daniel Rine; Daniel Rine & Deana Burkhart; Rine Ridge Farms Inc; Ken Rine and Ken & Gary Rine. Schultz made a motion to approve these certificates of compliance and to have Klimoski sign the certificates. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Applications for farmland preservation agreements for Patrick & Lisa Prasalowicz, Patrick & Thomas Prasalowicz, and Patrick & Elaine Higgins have been turned in. Schultz made a motion to approve the applications with a second by Kamps. All ayes. Motion carried.

Graupner handed out an update on farmland preservation tax credits and a 2010-11 biennial report on the farmland preservation program plus an updated list of FPP applications within the AEA. She said a tax preparer meeting held recently went well and will help the tax preparers of this area be informed about FPP and tax credits in the Ag Enterprise Area. Graupner, Becky Frisch, and Alex Crockford will be doing a presentation for the county board.

**Contract with Lincoln County:**

Nothing new has been received on the contract with Lincoln County for technician services. The contract will need our approval when received. Bostwick made a motion to have Graupner, Becky Frisch, and Robin Stowe review the contract when received and if acceptable to allow Klimoski to sign the contract. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**SWRM:**

Graupner received the 2012 SWRM allocation plan last week. This will go to the Land and Water Board on February 7 for approval. The \$85,000 base amount with a lapse of 12.39% comes out to \$74,467 for staffing. Cost share bonding is at \$60,242 and SEG \$21,000 for a total of \$155,709. Graupner has been told to not commit any of the SEG money until March.

A resolution was sent to Ben Brancel, secretary of DATCP, in December and a reply explaining budget lapses was received back from Mr. Brancel.

There are four possible SWRM projects. NRCS is working on plans for some of the projects.

**Department Update:**

A department update was sent out with agendas. Graupner has finished up 2011 spot checks. She attended the WLWCA conference and helped with the tax preparer meeting for the AEA. Graupner also attended SWRM onsite meetings and submitted a reimbursement request for SWRM funding.

**Bills:**

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

**Upcoming Events:**

RC&D will be held in Florence County on January 13. Kamps and Schultz will attend. NCLWCA is in Lincoln County on January 20. Graupner will ask to have the spring meeting held in Langlade County.

This year's theme for the Soil and Water Stewardship materials is "Soil to Spoon." Graupner said only a few churches requested the materials last year but she will order materials this year.

**Next Meeting:**

The next LCC meeting will be February 13 at 10 a.m.

**Adjournment:**

Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Sally Hull