

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: July 11, 2016
Members Present: Dave Solin, Carol Feller-Gottard, Jim Jansen, Sam Hardin
Members Absent: Joe Novak, Dave Wilson
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Molly McKay, Chris Arrowood, Peggy Winter, Beth Stanley, Janet Brehm
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont St., Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Solin, at 8:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jansen made a motion to excuse Dave Wilson and Joe Novak. Hardin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Jansen made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Hardin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items and consideration of request for items to be added to future meeting agenda: None

NRCS – Peggy Winter: Winter provided an update on NRCS activities. The next batching date for EQUIP is September 2, 2016. There no forestry practices applied for, however practices in cropland, pasture and farmstead have been applied for. There will be a Local Work Group meeting in Rhinelander on July 26. A handout was distributed on Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

FSA: Friday, July 15, 2016 is the last date for this year's crop reporting.

DNR: Janet Brehm, the DNR wildlife biologist for Lincoln/Langlade County provided an update on DNR activities. 9 landowners in Langlade (15 landowners in Lincoln) are participating in the young forest initiative. She provided information on deer/vehicle accidents. To register a deer from a vehicle hit, the number to call is 608-267-7691. Questions were asked regarding who is responsible for picking up deer kill from highways. She referred us to the DNR web page then to search for "car killed deer". Janet provided information on the Wisconsin bear harvest and her work with wolves.

TIP update: Chris Arrowood provided a brief history of the proposed resolution asking for financial support for Timberland Invasives Partnership (TIP). As financial support for invasive species projects and programs is limited in amount and highly competitive, this resolution would allow re-direction of funds to assist TIP by authorizing the use of staff time, equipment, supplies, and budgeted funds for use by the Timberland Invasives Partnership as available and appropriate. The Langlade County Forestry Committee has approved the resolution at their June 23, 2016 meeting. Feller-Gottard made a motion to approve the resolution and forward the resolution on to the full County Board. Hardin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Booth at Langlade County Youth Fair: Discussion. Hardin made the motion to establish a booth at the Langlade County Youth Fair. Jansen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clean Sweep: The 2016 Clean sweep is scheduled for August 20 to be held at the Langlade County Highway Shop. Committee members were asked to distribute flyers in their regions of the county.

Reports: Jansen provided a report on the Rollingstone Lake District meeting he attended. Discussion included the weed harvester and supplying water to the building.

Hardin attended a special meeting of the Lake District of Bass Lake in which local concerns were discussed.

Department Update: Graupner distributed literature she received while attending the NCLWCA meeting. She reported that the Evergreen-Wolf River was selected as an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA). This AEA will be effective as of January 1, 2017.

Upcoming events: Graupner and Solin will attend the July 21-22 meeting in Wisconsin Rapids. Graupner will attend the NRCS Local Work Group meeting in Rhinelander. The RC&D meeting will be held July 28 in Florence County. NCLWCA meeting will be in Marathon County on August 11. The Langlade County Clean Sweep will be August 20. Feller-Gottard will attend the Langlade County Waterways annual meeting on July 16.

Next meeting: The next LCC meeting was set for August 1 at 8:30 AM.

Adjourn: Jansen made the motion to adjourn at 10:15 AM. Solin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Marie Graupner

