

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: July 1, 2013
Members Present: Dave Solin, Glenn Remington, Holly Matucheski, Arlene Bonacci, Eugene Kamps
Members Absent: William Bostwick
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Janet Brehm, Duane Haakenson, Drew Kelly, Peggy Winter and Matt Peplinski
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Solin at 3 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Matucheski made a motion to excuse Bostwick. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Kamps 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:

Bostwick attended the Post Lake District meeting. Kamps will be attending the Bass Lake meeting on August 3.

Agency Reports:

NRCS - Peggy Winter reported on CSP sign up which closed June 14. EQIP sign up closed in April. Peggy is working on contract reviews. NRCS has moved out of the Service Center in Merrill. A temporary location hasn't been found yet so Peggy is working out of Rhinelander and Pam out of Medford.

Matt Peplinski gave a report for FSA. The agency is still coming to Antigo three days a week. DCP sign up is underway.

Invasive Inventory Grant:

Chris Arrowood has been taking an inventory of invasive plant species along federal and state highways in Langlade County. Highways include Hwy. 55, Hwy. 52, Hwy. 47, Hwy. 45, Hwy. 64, and Hwy. 17. Chris has found thistles, tansy, Japanese knotweed, leafy spurge, honeysuckle, and wild parsnip. Chris informed the committee of some of the dire effects some of these plants have on human and animals. Chris is a senior at UWSP. This grant is funded by Lumberjack RC&D.

Request for Withdrawal Farmland Preservation Program:

Graupner received a voluntary withdrawal request from the Farmland Preservation Program from Nadine Schmidt. Matucheski made a motion to approve the withdrawal request from Farmland Preservation Program for Nadine Schmidt. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Project Updates:

Concrete is finished for the manure storage pit at Evergreen Dairy. Andy Bures has decided to withdraw his project. Josh Willson is working on milkhouse waste and/or manure storage. Survey work is being completed for cattle lanes at Brian/Brad Igl's.

Department Update:

A department update was mailed with agendas. Matucheski brought up discussion on mergers of Land Conservation departments with other departments. This is happening in some counties. Langlade County has 54 dairy herds with 50 Grade A and 4 Grade B. The proposed change from a FPP tax credit to a grant was vetoed by the governor. Graupner has sent a letter to an agriculture plastics recycler in California but has gotten no reply back yet.

Bills:

Department bills were reviewed.

Upcoming Events:

RC&D will be held July 17 in Oneida County. Graupner and Kamps will attend. NCLWCA is August 23 in Oneida County. Matucheski will be attending.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be held August 5, 2013 at 3 p.m.

Adjourn:

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

Submitted by,
Sally Hull