

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: June 1, 2015
Members Present: Dave Solin, Joe Novak, Sam Hardin, Carol Feller Gottard, Dale Fronek
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Molly McKay, Brigid Hanke, Peggy Winter
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Solin at 3:16 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Brigid Hanke was introduced. She has been hired through the RC&D grant to identify and eradicate invasive plant species in the county. Also introduced was new Land Conservation Committee member, Carol Feller Gottard, a County Board supervisor.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

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

Old Business/Reports of Events Attended:

Graupner attended the Rollingstone Lake District meeting. Chris Arrowood from TIP gave a presentation there.

Agency Report: NRCS

Peggy Winter gave a report on NRCS staffing and programs. The planning position is being posted externally. They currently have a volunteer and a program assistant helping out. Peggy met with the Langlade and Lincoln County conservation staff on programs, funding, etc. The Local Workgroup is a seven-county merge with funding going to cropland, pastureland, and forestry lands. The group will meet August 3 in Rhinelander to decide funding for 2016.

Sign-up for cover crops, honey bee habitat, and soil health is due June 5. The RCPP deadline is July 17. This proposal is aimed at helping improve golden-winged warbler habitat in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota. Funding is available to private landowners.

County Representative to Rollingstone and Post Lake Districts:

Carol Feller Gottard will take over as the representative to Rollingstone and Post Lake Districts. Joe Novak volunteered to be the substitute representative.

Department Update:

The tree planter was rented by two people this spring who planted four acres of trees.

The parasite Bithynia has been found in Elton Creek. This parasite kills waterfowl and comes from snails.

Graupner has been working on FPP.

Bills:

Bills were reviewed.

Upcoming Events:

Graupner attended the DNR meeting in Rhinelander on May 27. A wetlands workshop on June 2 in Merrill has been cancelled and will be rescheduled in September. Graupner will attend a NRCS Soil Webinar on June 22. NCLWCA is June 23 at Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River. Solin and Graupner are attending. Reservations are due by June 12. A county conservationist meeting will be held July 15-16 in Wisconsin Rapids. RC&D will be July 30 in Oconto County.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be July 6 at 3:15 p.m.

Adjourn:

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

Submitted by,
Sally Hull