

## **Minutes of Land Conservation Committee Meeting**

**Date of Meeting:** March 11, 2016  
**Members Present:** Dave Solin, Joe Novak, Carol Feller-Gottard, Jim Jansen, Sam Hardin, Dave Wilson  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Others Present:** Marie Graupner, Molly McKay, Duane Haakenson, Peggy Winter, Anna Reimer, Chris Arrowood  
**Location:** Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont St., Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Solin, at 12:30 PM. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Dave Wilson, FSA's representative to the committee was introduced.

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

**Public comment on agenda items and consideration of request for items to be added to future meeting agenda:** Peggy Winter requested that in the future the date for the next committee meeting be listed on the agenda when it is sent out.

**Old Business/Results of Events Attended:** Graupner, Solin and McKay attended the WI Land+Water Conference. Solin was elected for a two year term on the Land and Water Conservation Board. Resolution regarding groundwater and pollinators were approved. Resolution regarding fencing was rejected.

**NRCS:** Peggy Winter reported on NRCS activities. Report is attached.

**Antigo Flats Farmer Led Watershed Project:** Anna Reimer explained the proposed project. Grant application is due to DATCP by April 1, 2016. A draft MOU with Langlade County was distributed. MOU will be sent Corporation Counsel for review. Jansen made the motion to sign the MOU after review by Corporation Counsel. Solin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TIP:** Chris Arrowood presented an update on TIP activities. Arrowood distributed a draft application for Weed Management Area (WMA) funds with the Forestry Department. He also distributed a draft Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement which is meant to fund the TIP into the future. He distributed handouts on invasive thistles and booklets developed by Menominee County. TIP hopes to expand the booklets to include more invasives.

**Carry forward of 2015 funds into 2016:** Duane Haakenson reported that he had approximately \$5,000 to carry forward. He has allotted \$3,000 to clean sweep, \$1,000 for equipment for invasive control, and \$1,000 for vehicle repairs. The carry forward request was approved at the Water and Land Use Planning Committee meeting. Novak made a motion to approve the carry forward request. Feller Gottard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Support application for an Agriculture Enterprise Area:** Landowners in the Evergreen Wolf River area have requested that Langlade County apply for an Agriculture Enterprise Area. As part of the application process, the County Board needs to approve a resolution in support. A draft resolution was reviewed. Novak made a motion to submit a resolution to the County Board for approval. Feller Gottard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**2016 Clean Sweep:** The Clean Sweep has been set for August 20, 2016.

**Department Update:** Graupner reported that she has been working on the 2017 DATCP SWRM application. Graupner showed the award she won at the WI Land+Water convention for the Outstanding Conservation Employee, County Conservationist position. Department bills were looked at.

**Upcoming events:** Reviewed scheduled upcoming events.

**Next meeting:** The next LCC meeting was set for April 4 at 8:30 AM.

**Adjourn:** Wilson made the motion to adjourn at 1:55 PM. Jansen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Marie Graupner



United States Department of Agriculture

March 7, 2016

TO: Land Conservation Department – Land Conservation Committee Members  
SUBJECT: Agency Report – NRCS update for March 11 @ 12:30pm Langlade County Meeting  
REPORT:

Update since January 2016 written report

- Current Sign-ups/Programs Update –
  - EQIP
    - Last Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> was EQIP batching date (FY15-2)
    - High screened applications will be only ones ranked and considered for funding (22 applications – 8 High)
      - Outreach for Forestry – No applications on file for March 4<sup>th</sup> date – have reached out to DNR Foresters
      - Rankings due March 23<sup>rd</sup>
      - Obligation by July 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - June 10<sup>th</sup>
      - Cover Crops
      - Monarch sign-up – statewide – milkweed plantings – limited details available at this time.
    - September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 is FY17-1 batching date
      - Reminder that all practices are eligible – crop, pasture, forest, farm
  - RCPP – Regional Conservation Partnership Program
    - New proposals due July 8<sup>th</sup>
    - ABC – batching dates match general dates – 3/4/16 and 9/2/16
      - Aspen/Alder shearing for habitat for GWW, RG, and WC
  - CSTP
    - Sign-up is through March 31<sup>st</sup>
    - NEW – minimum payment is \$1500 per year for 5 years
    - NIPF + AgLand is eligible
    - Data entry (CM1) and field verifications due May 27<sup>th</sup>
    - Obligation by July 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - CSTP Renewals
    - 2012 contracts being offered renewals for another 5 years
    - Deadlines in July and November

Thank you,

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