

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: March 4, 2013
Members Present: Eugene Kamps, William Bostwick, Glenn Remington, Holly Matucheski, Arlene Bonacci
Members Absent: Dave Solin
Others Present: Sally Hull, Duane Haakenson, Claudia Baker, John Pruess, Janet Brehm, Peggy Lane
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Kamps at 3 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Matucheski 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:

Graupner and Matucheski attended the NCLWCA meeting in Merrill in February. Due to bad weather, there were only five people in attendance. Tom Rudolph was the speaker.

Introduction of Land Conservation Technician:

Janet Brehm was introduced as the new technician for Land Conservation. Her duties will be split with the Land Records office.

USDA-NRCS:

EQIP contracts are ranked and will be offered at the end of March. There are five for Langlade County from a total of nineteen. There is no CSP sign-up due to budget constraints. Peggy said the building their office is in has been sold so the future of relocating is uncertain. NRCS will undergo a civil rights audit in May. Peggy presented an Operational Agreement for LCC to work with NRCS. Bonacci made a motion to approve Kamps as Vice-Chairman to sign the agreement. Remington seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Committee members were asked to fill out a Partnership list with their demographic and ethnic information to be kept in the NRCS civil rights file.

RC&D:

Claudia Baker and John Pruess attended the meeting. Claudia is the Executive Director and John is the AIS Coordinator. Claudia gave a brief history of RC&D and its formation 50 years ago. There are eight employees across the state with six in Rhinelander, one in Wisconsin Rapids, and one in Hayward. John has been the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator since last April. He talked about some of the projects he has been involved with.

Department Update:

A pre-bid meeting was held for SWRM projects with bids due by Friday, March 8. Bids will be opened on Monday, March 11, at 9 a.m. Kamps will attend the bid opening.

Upcoming Events:

WLWCA will be held March 11-13 in Wisconsin Dells. Graupner, Janet Brehm, and Solin will attend. The WI Lakes Conference will be April 9-11 in Green Bay. Janet Brehm and Graupner will attend. Earth Week is April 14-20. RC& D is April 17 in Oconto County. Graupner, Kamps, Solin, and Janet Brehm will attend. NCLWCA will be May 23 at the VFW in Antigo.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be April 2 at 3 p.m.

Adjournment:

Bonacci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:51 p.m. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull