

## Minutes of Land Conservation/Solid Waste Committee Meeting

**Date of Meeting:** March 6, 2017  
**Members Present:** Dave Solin, Carol Feller-Gottard, Jim Jansen, Joe Novak, and Dave Wilson  
**Members Absent:** Samuel Hardin  
**Others Present:** Molly McKay, Duane Haakenson, Chris Arrowood, Ron Nye, Julie Webb, Duff Leaver, Dick Schuh, Robin Stowe  
**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. Cell phones were asked to be silenced.

**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:** None

**Old business/report of events attended:** Feller-Gottard, Hardin, Jansen, Novak, and Solin attended the Timberland Invasive Partnership Annual Meeting in Keshena, February 28. Duane Haakenson presented as the featured partner of TIP. Kelly Kearns, presenter and Invasive Species Coordinator for DNR noted that Langlade County has impressive buy-in from county board members.

**Land Conservation Department Position Updates:** Molly McKay was hired as the County Conservationist to replace Marie Graupner on February 24 and immediately moved into the position. She is also covering the duties of the position she recently left until it is filled.

The Land Conservation Technician/Assistant Code Administrator position was posted and will recruit until March 10. Interviews will be later in March (possibly March 23) and we hope to have the position filled by mid-April. This position was recently held by Molly McKay.

Shoreland Protection Specialist position has been posted and will recruit until March 17. This position is a grant funded LTE that works between Lincoln & Langlade Counties. Justin Johnson was recently in this position but accepted a permanent position shortly after leaving for the season.

**Introduction of County Conservationist:** Molly McKay gave a short description of her background and qualifications to the committee as an introduction to what she is bringing to this position.

**Agency Reports:** DNR – Janet Brehm sent information on upcoming County Deer Advisory Council meeting. Meeting will be held in the Wolf River Room on March 15, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. All are welcome to participate.

TIP - Chris Arrowood reported that Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) has been cut by 97% in the proposed federal budget. TIP usually receives 60-70% of its funding through GLRI and the loss of those funds will be dramatic for the organization. The funding from DNR for the Tri-County AIS Coordinator has already been cut.

**Department Update:** Molly reported that she has been working on: office organization projects, reorganization of physical space to create more room for meeting with landowners and easier access to information, issuance of corrections to certificate of compliance certificates, preparation

for AHS Environmental Science class soil health presentation, attendance at events: NCLWCA – (Molly elected at Area Coordinator/Vice Chair) & Timberland Invasive Partnership (Molly elected Vice Chair), minor boundary change for Antigo Flats initiated, working with DATCP on three AEA applications, working on designs for cost-share projects, all SEG \$ spoken for in 2017, and Wildlife Damage Reimbursement. A written report was handed out to committee members.

**Upcoming events:** Wisconsin Land+Water Conference at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, March 15-17, County Deer Advisory Council in Wolf River Room, March 15, and Wisconsin Lakes Convention, Holiday Inn Convention Center Stevens Point, April 5-7.

**Next meeting:** The next LCC meeting was set for Monday, April 3 at 8:30 AM.

**Joint Meeting of Water & Land Use Planning Committee:** After completion of agenda items on LCC Agenda members of the WLUPC (Leaver, Nye, Schuh, and Webb) as well as Corporation Council, Robin Stowe, joined the meeting to discuss the roles of the LCC and WLUPC in governing the Land Conservation Department since it is within the umbrella of the Land Records & Regulations Department. All attendees were given a folder with WI Land+Water LCC Supervisor Handbook, Chapter 92 pages 1-4 as the apply to statutory obligations of LCC, and a list of acronyms related to land conservation work.

The role of the LCC in filling the open Land Conservation Technician/Assistant Code Administrator position and future potential LCD vacancies was discussed. Both WLUPC and LCC will be involved in hiring process. Interview panel will consist of staff, Haakenson, McKay and McKinney, and committee members, Solin representing LCC and Webb representing WLUPC, as well as a representative from Human Resources. A motion was made to have Dave Solin sit on the interview panel for Land Conservation Technician/Assistant Code Administrator by Feller-Gottard second by Novak. All in favor. Motion carried.

Stowe and Haakenson will work to develop some changes to the County Board Handbook to clearly define the role of the LCC. Changes will be brought to the committees prior to being sent to County Board. A flow chart of positions within the Land Records Department will be provided to all committee members.

**Adjourn:** Leaver made the motion to adjourn at 10:30 AM. Jansen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Molly McKay