

## Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

**Date of Meeting:** May 14, 2012  
**Members Present:** Dave Solin, William Bostwick, Glenn Remington,  
Eugene Kamps, Holly Matucheski. Arlene Bonacci  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Others Present:** Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Becky Frisch, Matt Peplinski,  
Janet Brehm  
**Location:** Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Solin at 3 p.m.

### **Reorganization of Committee, Lake Districts and Organizations:**

For committee vice-chair, Bonacci nominated Kamps with a second by Matucheski. Nominations were called for three times with no further nominations. Kamps made a motion to close nominations. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Matucheski nominated Bonacci for secretary with a second by Kamps. Nominations were called for three times with no further nominations. Kamps made a motion to close nominations with a second by Bostwick. All ayes. Motion carried.

### Committee:

Chairperson – Solin  
Vice-Chair – Kamps  
Secretary - Bonacci

### Lake Districts will be represented as follows:

Antigo – Bonacci  
Greater Bass – Kamps  
Enterprise – Remington  
Mary – Klimoski  
Post – Solin  
Rolling Stone – Bostwick  
Pickerel-Crane – Bostwick

### Lumberjack RC&D:

Representative – Kamps  
Alternate – Solin

### NCLWCA & WLWCA:

Representative – Matucheski  
Alternate – Bonacci  
Staff – Graupner

### GLNAC:

Representative – Bostwick

Committee members should give a report to this committee on meetings attended.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

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

**Old Business/Report of Events Attended:**

None

**Agency Reports:**

FSA – Matt Peplinski covers Lincoln and Langlade Counties. He said there was very little interest shown in CRP sign-up. Sign up for DCP ends June 1 and will most likely be the last time to sign up for this program. Crop reporting should be starting soon with a deadline of July 15. Matt said that due to downsizing, he will now have Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Vilas, Forest and Florence counties. Rhinelander staff will be gone June 1 and this office will be covered by Merrill staff. Linda will be retiring later this year but FSA will continue to use Antigo as a site. Matt may do written reports for some future meetings. Regarding agency report Bostwick made a motion to have all agencies give quarterly reports but may bring any timely issue to any LCC meeting. Remington seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Farmland Preservation Program:**

David and Daniel Hafner, Kevin Hafner and Hafner Seed Farms have requested voluntary removal from farmland preservation. Bostwick made a motion to approve the notices of noncompliance to remove them from the farmland preservation program. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Committee members will be oriented on the farmland preservation program at the next LCC meeting.

Five applications for the AEA were presented. They are from Bahr Heritage Farms, Ken Rank, Carley Fronck (2), and Rine Ridge Farms. Bonacci made a motion to approve the five applications for AEA. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**SWRM:**

The 2012 SWRM grant list staffing dollars are at \$74,467, bonding cost-share at \$73,779.23, and SEG (nutrient management) at \$21,000 for a total of \$169,246.23. Bostwick made a motion to approve the 2012 grant with a second by Bonacci. All ayes. Motion carried.

A draft policy for priority ranking for cost share allocations will be brought to the next LCC meeting.

Janet Brehm, the Shoreland Protection Specialist for Lincoln and Langlade Counties, discussed the Hembel project at Rollingstone Lake next to the boat landing. Rocks were placed along the shore to prevent further erosion damage from heavy waves. Trees, shrubs and ground cover were planted. She had several photos of the before and after work.

**2013 Capital Improvement Plan:**

The Capital Improvement Plan is updated every year. Graupner is asking that \$24,000 be put into the plan for the year 2016 to purchase a vehicle for Land Conservation to replace the pickup truck that she currently uses.

**Youth Camp:**

Graupner has received one request to attend youth camp. She read a letter from Travis Guy who attended last year. He would like to attend again this year. Cost is \$175. Bostwick made a motion to send Travis Guy to youth camp. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Weed Management Area:**

The Forest Service would like to start a cooperative weed management area in counties that have national forest land. Possibly, Lumberjack RC&D could be fiscal agent for this project. Someone from the Forest Service will be at NCLWCA on June 8 to discuss this. The next meeting about this project will be held June 18 with location to be announced. This would involve having an MOU with the Forest Service.

**Department Update:**

Graupner said she received an email that cougar damage will now be eligible under wildlife abatement.

**Bills:**

Bonacci made a motion to approve the bills. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Upcoming Events:**

June 8: NCLWCA in Antigo. Bostwick made a motion to pay the \$20/each registration for Bonacci and Matucheski to attend. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.  
June 11: Conservation Observance Day in Eagle River. Theme is "Wisconsin Youth Conservation Education." Graupner will have a display on what we do in Langlade County for youth in conservation education. There is no charge to attend. June 12-15: Conservation Youth Camp in Eagle River. June 18: Cooperative Weed Management. July 26: RC&D in Langlade County at Wood Technology Center, NTC. A tour will be given and lunch provided. August 17-18: Clean Sweep in White Lake, Antigo and Elcho. Committee members who are available are asked to help with this event.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of LCC will be Monday, June 11, at 3 p.m.

**Adjourn:**

Bostwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 p.m. Remington seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Sally Hull