

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: May 3, 2011
Members Present: Mike Klimoski, Eugene Kamps, Rick Bina, Tom Schultz, William Bostwick, Glenn Remington
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Peggy Lane, Roy Gallenberg, Arlene Bonacci
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Klimoski at 9 a.m.

Approve Minutes and Agenda:

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

Old Business/Report of Events Attended:

RC&D was held last week. Graupner handed out a Shop Local map for Langlade County. This map will be available online as well as paper copies. The RC&D office is looking for a place to relocate to as it has been eliminated from the federal budget. Graupner passed around copies of the portfolios for the forestry awards. Kretz Lumber received the Friend of Forestry award and Duane Olson received the Stewardship Award. Langlade County Waterways has received a grant from the DNR to hire a person to work with aquatic invasive species. Graupner read a reply received from Senator Kohl in response to a letter we had sent to Washington supporting funding for RC&D.

Agency Reports:

NRCS – Peggy Lane said she has been working on CSP processing. They received 32 applications. Twenty of those have been pre-approved with 14 for cropland and 6 for forestry. Fifteen of them are from Langlade County. Statewide, 882 applications were received with 451 approved. 2011 CSP sign-ups need to be contracted by May 26 and payments are expected in November or December. Six EQIP contracts for Langlade and Lincoln County were received. One was for cropland and five for forestry. Organic sign up is still open. Pam Dentine is back from maternity leave.

Farmland Preservation Program – Approve Applications:

Roy Gallenberg has submitted two applications and is getting the necessary documents to finish the applications at this time. The first application is for Gallenberg Family, LTD, with 519.053 acres. The second application is for Gallenberg Farm with 111.011 acres. Potatoes are grown on both sets of land. Schultz made a motion to approve these two applications for Gallenberg as long as he turns in the rest of the necessary documents to Graupner by the end of the week. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

James and Bonnie Shafel submitted an application for 940 acres in the townships of Antigo, Neva and Ackley. They grow potatoes, wheat, green beans, oats and soybeans. Bina made a motion to approve the application for James and Bonnie Shafel. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

James Shafel submitted an application for Sunnydale Farms for 15.78 acres. Kamps made a motion to approve this application. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Randy Teal submitted an application for 200 acres. He grows hay, oats, and soybeans. Schultz made a motion to approve the application for Randy Teal. Bina seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Richard Koss submitted an application for 35.5 acres of cropland. Bina made a motion to approve this application. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

SWRM 2011 Grant:

A total of \$174,778 has been approved for the 2011 SWRM grant. This is broken down into \$85,000 for staffing, \$60,931 for bonding, \$25,347 extension from last year, and \$3500 SEG which has been allocated to Tony Koss. Schultz made a motion to approve the 2011 SWRM funding and to have Klimoski sign the agreement and to send it to Gary Olsen for a signature and then on to Madison. Bina seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Capital Improvement Plan:

Graupner handed out a copy of the capital improvement plan for 2013. Discussion was held on replacing the pickup truck that Land Conservation uses. It is a 1995 truck with approximately 50,000 miles on it. Schultz made a motion to wait until 2016 to replace the truck. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Youth Camp:

Last year, youth camp was offered to students from Antigo, Elcho and White Lake. Only one student from White Lake attended. He would be interested in attending again this year. The camp will be offered to juniors in Antigo, Elcho and White Lake again this year. Schultz made a motion to send up to three youth to the camp this year. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Department Update:

Graupner sent out the department update with agendas. She has been reviewing FPP applications, working on the Working Lands Initiative, updating the FPP mailing list, has submitted the list of essential department functions for program ranking, and is working on SWRM pre-bids. Evergreen Dairy has started the paperwork for a manure storage facility. There is a pre-bid meeting scheduled at the Nagel Dairy. Graupner is working on Clean Sweep and getting the word out to the public. She is getting ready to do spot checks for farmland preservation. She received a unanimous letter about a manure situation in which manure was running over the storage area. She checked out the complaint and found that manure did run over the storage wall but was confined to the area and did not run over the roadway.

Roy Gallenberg returned to the committee meeting with the necessary documents for his farmland preservation agreement.

Bills:

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

Upcoming Events:

The spring conference will be held June 10, 2011 at the VFW in Antigo. Kamps, Schultz, Klimoski, Remington, and Bina will be attending.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be June 6 at 8 a.m.

Adjournment:

Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull