

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: May 5, 2014
Members Present: Dave Solin, Josh Willson, William Bostwick, Samuel Hardin, Joseph Novak III
Members Absent: Angela Schreiber
Others Present: Sally Hull, Molly McKay, Marie Graupner, Matt Peplinski
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Solin at 3:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

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

Reorganization of Committee:

Hardin made a motion to appoint Bostwick as Vice Chairman of the LCC Committee. Novak seconded the motion. All ayes. Unanimous ballot for Bostwick as Vice Chairman.

Bostwick made a motion to appoint Hardin as Secretary of the LCC Committee. Novak seconded the motion. All ayes. Unanimous ballot for Hardin as Secretary.

Lake District and Langlade Waterway Association:

Antigo – Hardin
Greater Bass – Hardin
Enterprise – Novak
Mary – Klimoski
Post – Bostwick
Rolling Stone – Bostwick
Pickerel-Crane – Solin

Lumberjack RC&D, NCLWCA, and WLWCA:

Bostwick made a motion to appoint Solin as representative and Hardin as alternate. Novak seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried

Old Business/Report of Events Attended:

Graupner, Solin and McKay attended the Wisconsin Lakes Convention. Solin and Graupner attended Lumberjack RC&D in Florence County.

FSA:

FSA has a staff person here in Antigo one day a week. They would like to move to Antigo as a permanent location. Matt Peplinski talked about the micro loan program that gives loans to help small operations get started. FSA administers several programs including:

1. Livestock Indemnity – loss of livestock due to a natural disaster such as hurricane, blizzard.
2. Livestock Forage – loss of grazing land due to drought
3. Tree Assistance – reimbursement for losses to tree, vine and bush crops
4. ELAP – any crop or livestock not covered in the others.

The MILC program is still in effect until September 1 and will be replaced by another program at that time.

NAP crop insurance covers crops that normal crop insurance doesn't cover, such as maple syrup, honey, ginseng, Christmas trees, vegetable crops, and forage.

There are gross income requirements to meet eligibility for FSA programs.

Lumberjack Member At Large:

Bostwick made a motion to ask Eugene Kamps if he would like to serve as a member at large to Lumberjack RC&D. Hardin seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

TIP Steering Committee:

The TIP (Timberland Invasive Partnership) meets May 6. Graupner will be attending.

FPP/LWRM Plan:

The FPP plan needs to be updated this year. The LWRM plan was due last year but an extension was granted so that it could be written at the same time. Planning meetings and a public hearing will be held. Grant funds are available to help rewrite the plans.

2013 Accomplishment Report:

The 2013 Accomplishment Report is a summary of highlights of Land Conservation program accomplishments.

AutoCAD Civil 3D:

Molly McKay does the technical designs for cost share projects. She talked about a software program called AutoCAD Civil 3D that can be used to draw up the plans. This is the same software used by NRCS. Cost would be close to \$6000 to purchase which includes program cost of about \$4700 plus an annual update fee. Bostwick made a motion to purchase AutoCAD Civil 3D. Hardin seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Department Update:

The department update was mailed out. Graupner is preparing for FPP spot checks. She attended the RC&D meeting and the Wisconsin Lakes Convention. Four SWRM contracts were signed for cost sharing for NMP planning.

Bills:

Bills were reviewed.

Upcoming Events:

The county conservationist meeting will be held in Wisconsin Rapids on May 8-9. NCLWCA will be held in Antigo on May 29 at the VFW. Graupner, McKay, Novak and Solin will be attending. Anyone else, who wants to attend, please let Graupner know. NCLWCA summer tour will be August 7 in Langlade County. Clean Sweep is August 2. Grazing training is June 4-5 in Antigo.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be June 9 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

Bostwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Solin seconded the motion. All ayes.
Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull