

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: May 6, 2013
Members Present: Dave Solin, William Bostwick, Glenn Remington, Holly Matucheski, Arlene Bonacci, Eugene Kamps
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Janet Brehm, Peggy Lane
Location: Eau Claire River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

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

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Bostwick made a motion to approve the minutes of the last two meetings. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business/Report of Events Attended:

Graupner and Brehm attended the Lakes Conference in Green Bay. Solin, Kamps and Graupner attended the Lumberjack meeting. The project to inventory invasive species along roadways was approved.

Agency Reports:

NRCS – CSP sign up closes May 31. The program is hoping to have 12 million acres signed up in Wisconsin. Contracts for EQIP are being mailed out. A review of Wisconsin contracts will be held in June.

FSA – A written report was submitted. Annual crop reviews are due. Sign up for CRP begins May 20 and ends June 14. The Microloan program has been developed to help beginning and small family farm operations with loans for crop input, marketing and distribution, purchasing livestock and equipment and minor farm improvements. Maximum repayment terms are seven years. Sign up for ACRE is due August 2. Deadline to enroll is June 3. The SURE disaster program sign up runs through June 7. A producer with at least a 10% loss may be eligible for program benefits.

2013 Youth Camp:

Graupner sent out letters and followed up with phone calls to the school districts but has had no response for participants for youth camp.

RC&D Forestry Awards:

RC&D meets July 17 in Oneida County. George Lehrer has been nominated for an award. A nomination for Langlade County for their involvement with the Wood Technology Center will be submitted.

2012 Accomplishments:

Graupner handed out a copy of the LCC 2012 accomplishment report. The major accomplishments centered around the Farmland Preservation program and the AEA.

Project Updates:

The 2013 SWRM grant was received. Projects include nutrient management planning, planting windbreaks, manure storage and erosion control.

Department Update:

The 2013 SWRM grant was received. Graupner attended the Wisconsin Lakes Conference, RC&D, and CWMW-TIP meeting. Two applications for AEA were received. There are 41,622.96 acres of NMP in Langlade County for 2013. Graupner assisted in several issues regarding manure. Graupner is doing spot checks for FFP. Brehm has attended several technician meetings.

Bills:

Bills were reviewed.

Upcoming Events:

Graupner will attend the County Conservationist meeting in Wisconsin Rapids on May 9-10. Brehm will attend a technician meeting in Park Falls on May 9. Brehm will attend grazing system training on May 16 in Wausau. NCLWCA will be held at the Antigo VFW on May 23. Matucheski, Kamps, Graupner, and Brehm will attend. A Clean Boats Clean Water workshop will be held May 30.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be held June 3, 2013, at 3 p.m.

Adjourn:

Bostwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull