

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: May 6, 2015
Members Present: Dave Solin, William Bostwick, Joe Novak, Sam Hardin, Angela Schreiber
Members Absent: Dale Fronck
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Molly McKay, Duane Haakenson, Carrie Brzezinski, John Pruess
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Solin at 3:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Bostwick made a motion to excuse Fronck. Solin seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

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

Old Business/Reports of Events Attended:

Graupner, Solin and Novak attended Lumberjack RC&D last week in Keshena. We received final approval for the grant for a seasonal Invasive Species Technician.

Agency Reports – FSA:

Carrie Brzezinski attended for FSA. She talked about the agriculture risk coverage and price loss coverage that will replace DCP. Crop reporting is starting. Sign up for the 2016 Dairy Margin Protection program runs from July 1 through September 30, 2015. County committee elections are coming up. The Farm Storage program provides loans for producers to build or upgrade farm storage facilities. Microloans up to \$50,000 are available to farmers for operating expenses.

John Pruess – Lumberjack RC&D AIS Coordinator:

John Pruess talked about the poster contest. He had several posters from the Antigo Middle School that he returned from past contests. He brought along pictures from the purple loosestrife potted workshop. John worked with the DNR to treat phragmites at two sites. He has been attending lake association meetings and is working with the Waterways Association on controlling Japanese knotweed. The Clean Boats Clean Waters project continues. There were 4000 contacts made in 2014 at boat landings with 2500 boats inspected. John said he is available to attend events and give presentations about invasives.

2015 SWRM Grant:

The 2015 SWRM grant has been signed. The 2016 grant has been submitted to DATCP.

Youth Camp Scholarships:

There were no requests from any of the school districts for youth to attend camp.

Department Update:

FPP spot checks are being conducted. Graupner has been working with Molly McKay on cost share practices. Chris Arrowood will help train the student who is hired for invasive species control. Graupner sent a letter to legislators opposing state budget cuts. NR 40, rules for control of invasive species, has been updated. Graupner has been receiving reports from DATCP on Avian flu. The DNR

and DOA have been working on phosphorus reduction compliance. If the new rules create hardships, they will be given several years to comply.

Bills:

Bills were reviewed.

Upcoming Events:

Lumberjack RC&D was held April 30 in Menominee County. Clean Boats Clean Waters met May 1 in Antigo. The Headwaters local work group for staff meets May 12 in Rhinelander. TIP is scheduled for May 19 in Keshena. Molly will attend a Wisconsin Wetlands workshop in Merrill on June 2. NCLWCA will meet June 23 in Eagle River at Trees for Tomorrow. The business meeting will be in the morning followed by campground activities in the afternoon.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be June 1 at 3:15 p.m.

Adjourn:

Bostwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 p.m. Novak seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull