

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: November 4, 2013
Members Present: Dave Solin, Glenn Remington, Holly Matucheski, Arlene Bonacci, Eugene Kamps, William Bostwick
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Molly McKay, Jeremy Irish
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

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

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Matucheski 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:

Solin, Kamps and Graupner attended the RC&D meeting. Langlade County received an award for their involvement in developing the Wood Technology Center and George Lehrer received an award for the forestry work he has done on his property. The County Plaque will be presented at the December county board meeting. Two grant proposals were submitted, one for inventory of invasive plant species on county roads, and one for control of invasives on federal and state highways. Both received preliminary approval and will go on for final approval in January.

Matucheski and Graupner attended NCLWCA in Wausau. Tom Tiffany was the quest speaker.

Bostwick attended the Post Lake meeting. They are looking for a mechanic to work on the weed harvester.

Kamps said the Friends of Moose Lake are working on walking trails and on a lake management plan.

Wildlife Damage – 2014 Budget

Jeremy Irish presented the 2014 budget plan for wildlife damage. Kamps made a motion to accept the agreement. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. There were less complaints of wildlife damages this year. Bear damage is down due a good berry crop. Jeremy said he will be setting two bear traps.

Tri County AIS MOU:

An update to the agreement for Lincoln, Langlade and Forest Counties for the AIS MOU was presented which would extend the agreement until 2015. Bostwick made a motion to extend the agreement until 2015. Matuscheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

SB 349:

A resolution drafted by LaCrosse County opposing SB 349 which limits local control regarding nonmetallic mining, air and water quality, and highway damage and use contracts was handed out to committee members. Solin will take a copy of the resolution to the Executive Committee.

FPP Withdrawal:

None

Youth Speaking and Poster Contest:

NCLWCA is changing the youth speaking and poster contest to the spring rather than the fall. We did participate in the speaking contest several years ago and the poster contest in the last several years but participation was very low. Matucheski made a motion to not participate in the youth poster and speaking contests due to lack of participation. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Citizens Advisory Committee for Farmland Preservation Plan/Land & Water Resource:

Graupner has some names of people to serve on the citizen advisory committee for the farmland preservation plan and land and water resource plan. Duane Haakenson will bring the list of names to the Water and Land Use meeting.

Project Updates:

The Nagel project is completed. The washout at Silver Birch Ranch will be repaired this week. Evergreen Dairy is finished, just some paperwork to finish up. The remaining funds are expected to be allocated yet this year. Shawano County is transferring \$8000 in SEG money to Langlade County.

Department Update:

Graupner handed out information on a bill to increase the cap area of AEA's to 2 million acres. We have 92 farmers in our county with AEA contracts. Dave will take this to the Executive Committee and can sign as County Board Chairman.

Surveys are coming in about recycling ag plastics but the response has not been positive.

Graupner handed out a list showing Wisconsin's rank in the nation's agricultural production for year 2012.

Bills:

Bills were reviewed.

Upcoming Events:

Graupner will attend a meeting on December 10 in Shawano on soil, water and nutrient management.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting is December 2, 2013, at 3 p.m.

Adjourn:

Bonacci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull