

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: November 7, 2011
Members Present: Mike Klimoski, Rick Bina, William Bostwick, Glenn Remington, Eugene Kamps, Tom Schultz
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Jeremy Irish, Becky Frisch
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Klimoski at 10 a.m.

Approve Minutes and Agenda:

Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with a change to the wording. Discussion was held on wording in last month's minutes regarding bids on SWRM projects. The minutes should reflect that low bid amounts were approved rather than awarded to the low bidder. The landowner has the final say over which contractor's bid to accept as long as he/she pays the difference between the low bid and a higher bid. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business/Report of Events Attended:

Kamps, Schultz and Graupner attended the Lumberjack meeting in Eagle River in October. Duane Olson and Kretz Lumber received awards at the meeting. The requirements for these awards are being changed to separate individuals from businesses. The proposal for the Arboretum at Jack Lake has been approved during the first review and is being submitted for the second review process. Becky Frisch asked if the money for the project covers planting. It does cover the cost of plants but not labor. Graupner had a copy of a Shop Local flyer that covers Marinette, Florence and Oconto Counties and was put together with help from their Extension Offices. Klimoski, Schultz and Graupner attended the NCLWCA meeting was held in Wausau. One of our posters is going on to state competition. The others are displayed on the bulletin board by Graupner's office. Graupner said the last day for the transfer of funds from DATCP is November 15. The 2012 allocations have not been presented yet. County offices have been advised to take a precautionary approach to signing nutrient management cost share contracts involving SEG funds.

Agency Reports:

The DNR and NRCS submitted written reports. The DNR is undergoing reorganization. There are 61 new entries for the MFL program. There is a possibility that the DNR Service Center in Antigo may be open five days a week beginning in 2012.

More sites are being added for EQIP. The access road for the Smith project is almost finished and the Crockford project is underway.

2011 Wildlife Damage Crop Prices:

Jeremy Irish presented the 2011 crop price proposal for Langlade County. Prices are averaged for the year but the county can modify the prices if they feel they are not fair. Kamps made a motion to accept the 2011 crop price proposals as presented. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Farmland Preservation Program:

Graupner presented a request from Clinton Remington for voluntary withdrawal from the FPP program for two parcels in the township of Ackley. Bostwick made a motion to approve the voluntary withdrawal request for Clinton Remington from FPP. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Notices of compliance for FPP were due November 1. There are approximately 12 individuals who did not return their compliance certificates. Schultz made a motion to send each of these individuals a registered letter. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the manure tanker rollover in the Town of Polar. Graupner and Alex Crockford were notified of the incident and responded along with police, fire, and the DNR. Discussion held on another issue in which trucks hauling manure will use established routes.

SWRM:

The cost order for Silver Birch Ranch was overestimated, so there is \$5323.18 left in SWRM funds. There is a shoreland restoration project at Rollingsstone Lake that could utilize the remaining funds but an archeological analysis needs to be done at the site. This amount will be carried over into next year. There is also the possibility of a milkhouse waste project to use the funds. Next year, projects will be aggressively pursued to be sure funds are used up rather than lost.

Graupner presented a draft of proposed changes to ATCP 50 which is the Soil and Water Resources Management Program. Revisions would take away SWRM funding for training and support, mileage, office equipment, etc., cutting the \$85,000 base and landowners who have no cattle and crops could discontinue nutrient management plans. A letter has been drafted by Crockford, Graupner, Robin Stowe, and Becky Frisch and has been signed by Dave Solin and sent to Ben Brancel in support of agriculture and keeping SWRM funding intact.

Department Update:

Graupner has spent considerable time working on the AEA and reviewing FPP agreements.

Bills:

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

Upcoming Events:

WLWCA is set for December 7-9 in Wisconsin Dells. Schultz will be attending. A proxy for Schultz to vote was signed by Klimoski as chairman of the committee.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be held December 5, 2011, at 10 a.m.

Adjournment:

Kamps made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull