

Minutes of Land Conservation/Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: October 3, 2016
Members Present: Dave Solin, Carol Feller-Gottard, Jim Jansen, Joe Novak, Sam Hardin
Members Absent: Dave Wilson
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Molly McKay, Duane Haakenson, Jeremy Irish, Matt Peplinski, Doug Below and Pete Pennington
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont St., Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Solin, at 8:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Cell phones were asked to be silenced.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Jansen made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Hardin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items and consideration of request for items to be added to future meeting agenda: None

Jansen made a motion to excuse Dave Wilson. Hardin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wildlife Damage: Jeremy Irish presented the 2017 Wildlife Damage budget. Venison donation is budgeted at \$55 per deer. Salary is up 1.5%. Hardin made a motion, seconded by Feller-Gottard to approve the 2017 Wildlife Damage budget of \$16,151.41. Motion carried. Venison donation: Hardin made a motion to participate in the 2016 venison donation program. Novak seconded the motion. Motion carried. Wildlife Damage update: Bear damage is down while the deer damage remained about the same. Grandview Orchard has experienced deer damage and has been issued a temporary fence to protect young trees. The orchard has been issued shooting permits. They want a permanent fence, but first need to establish a damage history. Irish reported that bears in the county have done less damage compared to other years. Doug Below expressed that he doesn't want bears trapped when there is hunting happening, as then the hunters are unable to harvest a bear. He expressed that landowners are upset with the system and that landowners would rather be issued shooting permits instead of trapping of bears. Irish explained that his purpose is to protect the crops and that he has to follow the regulations established by the DNR.

CPO (management Plan) for CRP: Matt Peplinski of FSA presented a CPO for a CRP for signature. (Conservation Plan of Operation for the Conservation Reserve Program) Novak made a motion to approve the CPO. Hardin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Peplinski provided an update on FSA's activities. CRP acres enrolled are close to national average. The milk signup is almost complete for the 50 producers in the county. It is fall reporting time. The new fiscal year for the agency has begun. Commodity payments are soon to come out. NAP (non insured) signup for maple sap and honey will be done in November. Butch Maly's term on the FSA committee will end this coming winter, and Andy Kostelny's name will be on the FSA ballot. Peplinski informed the committee that in November, he will be transferring to Dodge County. Jansen made a motion to accept his report. Feller-Gottard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agency Reports: Graupner distributed a written report and news release from Peggy Winter, NRCS. Jansen made a motion to accept her report. Feller-Gottard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TIP: No report was given.

2016 Clean Sweep – final summary: The final results of the survey taken on the morning of the Clean Sweep was reviewed. 4025 pounds of Ag waste was collected. 8965 pounds of household waste was collected. 36 pounds of waste from small business was collected. 73 pounds of non-controlled drugs were collected. Pounds collect in 2016 were compared to pound collected in 2014. Jansen asked that another report be given when all the expenses are in. Feller-Gottard made a motion to accept this report. Novak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Department Update: Graupner reported that she has been working on farmland preservation self certifications. DATCP held a Snap Plus meeting in the county. She and Novak taped the batteries collected at the Clean Sweep. Reviewed list of bills paid.

Upcoming events: Lumberjack RC&D will meet on October 27 in Forest County.

Next meeting: The next LCC meeting was set for Monday, November 7, 2016 at 8:30 AM. Hardin will conduct this meeting as Solin will be out of state.

Adjourn: Novak made the motion to adjourn at 9:50 AM. Hardin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Marie Graupner