

## Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

**Date of Meeting:** October 6, 2015  
**Members Present:** Joe Novak, Carol Feller-Gottard, Dale Fronck, Sam Hardin  
**Members Absent:** Dave Solin  
**Others Present:** Marie Graupner, Jeremy Irish, Duane Haakenson, Brigid Hanke, Chris Arrowood  
**Location:** Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Carol Feller-Gottard at 12:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Novak made a motion to excuse Dave Solin. Fronck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Novak made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Fronck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business/Reports of Events Attended:** Feller-Gottard attended the Rollingstone Lake Annual meeting. There was discussion on repairs to the weed harvester, the town putting concrete at the boat landing and raising of funds for the Lake District

**Agency Report:** None.

**APHIS 2016 Budget:** Jeremy Irish presented the 2016 budget for APHIS. There was no change in the budget; it remained the same as 2015. Fronck made a motion to approve the 2016 APHIS budget. Novak seconded the motion. Motion called. Irish explained the APHIS program for the newer members of the committee.

**Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance Update:** Haakenson updated the committee on the status of the Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance. He explained there will be an overlay district with A2 and Forestry. Once the plan is certificated by DATCP, landowners with land zoned A2 and forestry may be able to claim Farmland Preservation tax credits if they meet the other requirements of the program. With this overlay, the minimum tax parcel size requirement to claim Farmland Preservation will be removed. Based on DATCP approval, Haakenson plans to take the ordinance changes to the County Board in either November or December. Once the ordinance changes are approved, he expects to see an increase in the use of Farmland Preservation program on the County level.

**Farmland Preservation possible AEA:** There have been inquiries from several landowners to have an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) in their region of the county. The department will proceed with the application(s) if there is enough interest to meet the minimum requirements.

Chris Arrowood of TIPO updated the committee on the inventory and monitoring of terrestrial invasives in Langlade County. He reported on the phragmites found in Mueller Lake in Polar. The plants have been hand removed. He also reported on the work done at the Post Lake Dam. Langlade County is working with Shawano and Marathon County to abate the wild parsnip infestation found near Melody Mill and County Highway HH.

Haakenson recognized the work that Chris Arrowood and Brigid Hanke have done over this past summer to combat the spread of terrestrial invasives plants in Langlade County.

**Department Update:** Farmland Preservation Annual compliance certificates and a department news letter were been sent to local landowners using the program.

**Upcoming events:** Reviewed scheduled upcoming events.

**Next Meeting:** The next LCC meeting was set for November 2 at 3:15 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Hardin made a motion to adjourn the business meeting at 1:34 p.m. Novak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The committee and staff proceeded to the Ray Rine place for a tour of his property. Ray has nominated and selected as the recipient of the Chairman's Special Achievement Award from Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development Council Inc. Ray will receive his award on October 29, 2015 at the Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development Council Inc. meeting.

The committee and staff returned to the Resource Center at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Marie Graupner