

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: September 9, 2013
Members Present: Dave Solin, Glenn Remington, Holly Matucheski, Arlene Bonacci, Eugene Kamps, William Bostwick
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Duane Haakenson, Peggy Winter
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:

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

Old Business/Report of Events Attended:

Graupner attended the White Lake Association meeting on Labor Day. Kamps said the Moose Lake Association will be meeting on September 28. Graupner, Solin and Bostwick attended NCLWCA in Rhinelander. Bonacci attended the Antigo Inland Lake meeting. Bostwick attended the Post Lake meeting. Solin attended the Pickerel-Crane Lake meeting.

Agency Report – NRCS – MOU:

NRCS has put together a MOU operational agreement with Langlade County. The MOU has been reviewed by Robin Stowe. The document outlines what NRCS will do and what the county will do in the five-year agreement. Bostwick made a motion to have Solin sign the MOU with NRCS. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

There was one re-enrollment for the CRP program for Langlade County. Sign up for CSP was low with two contracts. EQIP deadline is mid-November.

Agency Report – APHIS – Venison Donation:

A contract for the 2013 venison donation program was presented. Arrowood's will be the processor and will be paid \$55 per deer. Bostwick made a motion to approve the 2013 venison donation program. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution Regarding Wolf Numbers:

A resolution from Wood County to maintain wolf numbers at 350 for the State of Wisconsin was discussed. Bostwick made a motion to change the wording to 350 or less and approve the resolution as amended. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Solin will take the resolution to the Executive Committee.

Inventory of Invasive Species:

A report on the invasive species found along Langlade County roadways by Chris Arrowood was handed out. Chris did an excellent job of locating and mapping several invasives along our roadways. The committee would like to ask him if he would be willing to share his report with the county board at one of their meetings. The committee discussed ways to control these plants.

We should share this information with the Highway Department. There are funds available from Lumberjack that could be used to eradicate invasive plant species. A draft grant application focusing on control will be presented at the next LCC meeting.

FPP Withdrawal:

Graupner has received a request from Ronald Schreiber to withdraw from the FPP program. Bostwick made a motion to approve the request. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Project Updates:

Graupner handed out a balance sheet for SWRM and SEG funds for 2013. Silver Birch Ranch had some storm damage to their retention pond that will need to be repaired yet this fall

2014 DATCP Allocation:

Preliminary allocation for Langlade County remains at \$155,500 with \$75,000 for staffing, \$52,500 for bonding, and \$28,000 for SEG.

Department Update:

Janet Brehm will be leaving Land Records to take a job with the DNR. Graupner attended the NCLWCA meeting and summer tour. She assisted landowners with nutrient management plans and conducted farmland preservation spot checks. She collected information on recycling Ag plastics.

Bills:

Bills were reviewed.

Upcoming Events:

A webinar about AEA will be held September 9. Graupner will participate. A NRCS Local Work Group will meet in Merrill on September 10. A webinar will be held September 11 about total maximum daily load. A county conservationists' meeting will be held the first weekend of October in Wisconsin Rapids.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be October 14, 2013, at 3 p.m.

Adjourn:

Bonacci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull