

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: July 9, 2012
Members Present: Dave Solin, William Bostwick, Glenn Remington,
Eugene Kamps, Arlene Bonacci
Members Absent: Holly Matucheski
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Becky Frisch, Steve Janke, Jeremy Irish
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Solin at 3 p.m. Bostwick made a motion to excuse Matucheski. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Kamps 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:

Graupner attended the NCLWCA held June 8 in Antigo. There were seven speakers at the meeting. Graupner handed out a folder of information from the meeting. She also attended Conservation Observance Day in Eagle River.

Bostwick attended the Rollingsstone Lake District meeting on June 26 and the Post Lake meeting on June 30. Klimoski attended the Mary Lake meeting on June 23. Remington attended the Enterprise meeting on July 7.

Wildlife Damage Venison Donation Program:

Jeremy Irish said four deer from Langlade County were donated to the venison donation program in 2011. Bostwick made a motion to participate in the venison donation program again this year. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Jeremy said there are only a few enrollees for deer damage.

Cooperative Weed Management Area:

Steve Janke who is a plant ecologist from Lakewood talked to the committee about signing a MOU for setting up a weed management area to cover Langlade, Shawano, Menominee, and Oconto Counties. Lumberjack RC&D may sponsor the MOU which can be updated annually. The purpose of the weed management area is to keep invasive species out of the national forest. Kamps made a motion to approve signing the MOU for the weed management area. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Graupner will send this information to the Town of Wolf River as they have national forest land within their boundaries and she will also send it to the Langlade County Waterways Association.

Farmland Preservation Program:

An application was received from Lee and Joanne Parsons for 158.15 acres in the Town of Antigo. This is the 19th application this year with 16,082.99 acres applied for this year. No word has been received yet about the boundary modification. Mike Wolter is working on an application.

LCC Training:

Tabled until the next meeting.

Proposed Revisions to Bidding Policy:

The current policy for cost sharing requires competitive bidding. A draft of a policy that would allow quotes for smaller projects was handed out for review. The policy would allow LCD to determine if quotes or bids are required for a project. An upper limit of \$15,000 would be set for a project to go out on quotes. A project over \$15,000 would need to go out for bids. Bostwick made a motion to approve the policy for obtaining quotes with a threshold of \$15,000. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. The policy will be reviewed at the end of the year.

Authorization to Sign Documents:

Bonacci made a motion to allow Duane Haakenson and Becky Frisch to sign cost share documents. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Graupner will give updates in her department reports.

Update on Cost Share Projects:

Bids will be coming in for a milkhouse waste system for Tony Koss. Sandy Ridge Farm is looking at building a manure storage facility. Silver Birch Ranch suffered some damage in recent storms. Nothing seems to be happening at Evergreen Dairy.

Department Update:

A department update was mailed. Bostwick made a motion to approve the update. Remington seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bills:

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

Upcoming Events:

RC&D will be held July 26 at the Wood Technology Center at NTC. Pre-registration is required. The second review of the Forestry Department's request for signage will be reviewed here as well as approval of Lumberjack being the fiscal agent for the cooperative weed management area.

Clean Sweep will be held August 17-18 at sites in Antigo, White Lake and Elcho.

NCLWCA will be held August 24 in Wood County. Matucheski and Bonacci are the representatives. Kamps made a motion to approve the letter of support for the lake management planning grant for a multi-county AIS coordinator. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be August 13 at 3 p.m.

Adjournment:

Bonacci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:04 p.m. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull