

## **Minutes of Land Conservation Committee**

**Date of Meeting:** March 10, 2011  
**Members Present:** Mike Klimoski, Eugene Kamps, Rick Bina, Tom Schultz, William Bostwick, Glenn Remington  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Others Present:** Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Becky Frisch, George Lehrer, Wiley Petroskey, Jolynne Schroepfer, Mrs. Pat Diercks, Erin & Mark Maus, Mike Wolter  
**Location:** Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

Klimoski called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

### **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

Bina made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4 and February 22, 2011, meetings. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Old Business/Report of Events Attended:**

Jolynne Schroepfer addressed the committee on SWRM funding. She said since the county determines which projects get funded, she wanted to clarify that Nagel Farms had asked for funds for barnyard projects such as fencing and barnyard lanes, not for an additional manure storage facility. Jolynne will sit down with Marie Graupner and Peggy Lane to go over the request.

Graupner attended a Land Conservation employee meeting last week. She handed out a report from DATCP and NRCS that was received at the meeting. Reported how LCD's could be affected on the possible cuts. There are grant dollars available for counties to develop Farmland Preservation plans, of which Langlade County's Plan is due in 2014.

### **Farmland Preservation Program:**

#### **Cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance**

1. Mrs. Pat Diercks addressed the committee on removing the notice of noncompliance from 34.98 acres of land that she is renting to a farmer who has a nutrient management plan on the land. Schultz made a motion to approve cancellation of the notice of noncompliance for Mrs. Diercks. Bina seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Bina then made a motion to grant Mrs. Diercks a certificate of compliance. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. Erin & Mark Maus have 83.345 acres in the Town of Norwood with a nutrient management plan from Evergreen Dairy covering the land. They are new to the farmland preservation program. They were sent a certified letter in November and then issued a notice of noncompliance in December. They came to see Graupner in February and asked to have the notice of noncompliance removed. Schultz made a motion to remove the notice of noncompliance to the Maus acreage. Bostwick seconded the motion. All

eyes. Motion carried. Kamps made a motion to grant Maus a certificate of compliance with a second by Schultz. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Mike Wolter from Riverside Farms received a notice of noncompliance in December. He requested to cancel the notice of noncompliance in February. He has a nutrient management plan in place. Mike has one field that is out of "T"; he will work on getting this field back into compliance. The land he rents is also covered under his nutrient management plan. Schultz made a motion to remove the notice of noncompliance for Mike Wolter, Riverside Farms. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### Approve Farmland Preservation Agreement Applications

1. George Lehrer has 160 acres in the Town of Peck used for grain, hay and forestland. The land is zoned A1 and is in the AEA. The farmland preservation agreement will go to DATCP and then be recorded here with the Register of Deeds office as a 15 year agreement. It provides tax credits of \$10/acre. Bina made a motion to approve the application for farmland preservation for George Lehrer. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. Wiley Petroskey has submitted an application for farmland preservation on 76.66 acres in the Town of Antigo. The remainder of his farm is zoned A2. The land is used for potatoes, soybeans, hay, and forestland. Schultz made a motion to approve the application for farmland preservation for Wiley Petroskey. Bina seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### Revise Code of Ordinance – Chapter 19

Tom Schulz suggested a change be made to the Langlade County Code of Ordinance Chapter 19 regarding annual compliance with farmland preservation. A time limit could be put into the ordinance stating that if the annual compliance certificate is not submitted by a set date, the notice of noncompliance will take effect without further notice. To change the ordinance, a public hearing would need to be held on the issue.

Becky Frisch offered another approach to handling the issue. She suggested charging landowners for Graupner's time spent in sending out reminders and making courtesy calls to landowners regarding the certificates of compliance. Landowners would be charged if Graupner has to send more than one letter and make more than one phone call to them. Klimoski suggested charging \$200 - \$400. This will be taken to Robin Stowe for review. A draft of the proposal will be on next month's agenda.

#### **2011 Summer Intern – COLIP:**

Due to uncertainty in budgets, the WLWCA is unable to fund a summer intern position this year.

**SWRM:**

2011 – DATCP has recommended not signing any contracts for SWRM – SEG dollars at this time until they receive an assurance of funding which could be as late as April or May.

2012 – Application for SWRM funds is due to the state by April 15. There is a form that the finance director needs to sign. Graupner will meet with Robin Stowe and Dave Solin next week to review the application. Schultz made a motion to give Klimoski permission to sign the application without further committee review. Bina seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2010 Accomplishment Report:**

The report was mailed out with agendas. Graupner will hand this out to the county board.

**Department Update:**

A department update was mailed out. A letter was sent to legislators Kohl, Duffy, Johnson, and Ribble asking for reinstatement of RC&D dollars at the federal level. Graupner received an email that preliminary funding for the Clean Sweep program will remain the same. Program ranking will be addressed at the next committee meeting.

**Bills:**

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

**Upcoming Events:**

WALCE was held in Wisconsin Rapids on March 2-4. WI Lakes will be held in Green Bay on April 12-14. No one will attend the WI Lakes due to funding concerns. Graupner will be attending a DATCP meeting in Wausau on March 21. Graupner will also attend a county conservationist meeting in Stevens Point at the end of March.

**Set Next Meeting Date:**

The next LCC meeting will be held April 5 at 9 a.m.

**Adjourn:**

Bina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. Schultz seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Sally Hull