

**Kewaunee County**  
**Land and Water Conservation Committee**  
**Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Kewaunee County Fairgrounds**  
**625 Third Street, Luxemburg, Wisconsin 54217**

**January 8, 2013**

Committee Chairman Brian Paplham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Other committee members present for the meeting were, Bob Garfinkel, Ron Paider, and Chuck Wagner. Tom Konop is no longer on the committee and FSA will be assigning someone new.

Also present for the meeting were, Andy Wallander - County Conservationist, Aerica Bjorstrom – UW-EXT Ag Agent, County Board Chair Bob Weidner, and Brian Maedke – Wildlife Damage Program.

Paider moved to approve the meeting agenda and the minutes from the last meeting. Garfinkel seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Andy started the meeting by handing out the monthly activity report. A copy is attached to these minutes. Andy discussed a situation in the Towns of West Kewaunee and Lincoln. It appears each one wants to put in effect an ordinance covering NR 151 which are the states rules governing standards and prohibitions for handling animal waste products. In any case the towns or the county cannot put in place any rules stricter than the states. All enforcement also has to be done by the Department of Justice at the state level. The committee did not take any other action at this time.

**Communications**

Brian Maedke was attending the meeting requesting an amendment to the deer donation amount due to an increase in the number of deer donated this year. All funds are reimbursed by the state for this program. Wagner moved to amend the amount to cover the increases in costs. Paider seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Chair Paplham signed the amendment.

The committee then discussed the dues paid by the department to the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association. Those dues are in the department budget. Included in those dues was a request for \$50 from each county to be used to fund the Envirothon. LC High School does compete in the Statewide Envirothon competition each year and last year was the winning team. Wagner moved to approve the dues for WLWCA along with the \$50 for the Envirothon. Garfinkel seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

The committee discussed a \$350 request from the Standards Oversight Committee. The SOC is part of the WLWCA and is mostly funded by NRCS, DATCP, WDNR and requests to the counties. SOC reviews many different standards at the state level making recommendations for changes. Some of the standards being reviewed at this time are ATCP 50 which deals with manure handling in the state. This work is very important to Kewaunee County. After more discussion Paider moved to send the request to the Finance Committee for approval and funding. Garfinkel seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Andy will see that the request gets on the Finance Agenda.

Aerica discussed the meetings that have been going on in the County to discuss the manure hauling. The meetings are proceeding well. The group hopes to have recommendations in place for the spring '13 hauling season.

The committee set the next meeting date for February 7, 2013 @ 8:00 a.m. at the office in the Fairgrounds. The committee reviewed the bills. Paider moved to approve the bills. Garfinkel seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Garfinkel moved to adjourn the meeting. Paider seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted;



Chuck Wagner/Secretary.

# LWCD Activity Report

## For January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Committee Meeting

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### Working Lands Program / NR 151 Standards Compliance Monitoring

- Since the last Committee meeting, 1 pending NR 151 non-compliance notification and 5 NR 151 compliance notifications were issued (see attached list).
  - *Compliance with NR 151 agricultural standards provides eligibility for Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) tax credit of at least \$7.50 per acre through the State's Working Lands Program.*
  - *Most recent (2010 tax year) Department of Revenue figures state that there are 524 FPP participants in Kewaunee County. Countywide FPP tax credits total \$586,572. Countywide, there are approximately 85,036 acres enrolled in the FPP.*

### Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) Program

- Since the last Committee meeting Robert & Pamela Dworak signed a SWRM cost-share agreement for a manure storage abandonment. Estimated cost-share amount of \$6,300.00.
- Al & Lois Seidl have been paid \$4,458.15 in SWRM cost-sharing toward their manure storage abandonment.
- Mark & Janine Schmeling have been paid \$2,385.50 in SWRM cost-sharing toward their manure storage abandonment.
- Dale & Kathleen Romuald have been paid \$7,350.00 in SWRM cost-sharing toward their waste transfer system.
- SWRM cost-share agreement extensions into 2013 have been received and approved by DATCP for the following 2012 agreements:

Mark & Cheryl Bader  
Richard & Randal Wautlet  
Charles Kinnard  
Robert Miller  
James Ledvina  
Ron & Michele Abts  
John & Cheryl Eberle  
Alan Seidl (Mountain View Dairy LLC)

Lary & Michelle Stahl  
Larry & Sharon DeVillers  
Roger & Veronica DeVillers  
Ken Kinstetter  
Howard & Susan Davis  
Myron & Petrine Treml  
Jerome Bertrand  
Jodie Glish & Gerald Bertrand  
Robert & Pamela Dworak

- *The total SWRM cost-sharing paid out to Kewaunee County farmers from 1999 to date is \$359,164.79.*
- *In 2012, there were 22 SWRM cost-share agreements developed.*
- *Since 1999, there have been a total of 259 SWRM cost-share agreements developed.*

### Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Program

- Joe & Dennis Steinhorst have been paid \$87,920.00 in TRM cost-sharing toward their completed the manure storage system.
  - *Since 2005 there have been a total of 16 TRM cost-share agreements developed to date.*
  - *The total TRM cost-sharing provided to County farmers from 2005 to date is \$1,070,282.00.*

### Nutrient Management Program

- The LWCD continues to provide materials and/or assistance to farmers and crop consultants developing nutrient management plans.
- 2013 nutrient management plans are continuing to be submitted to the LWCD.
  - *The total nutrient management plans on file is 203.*
  - *The total number of local cropland acres under nutrient management plans is 93,049 acres.*

## **Technical Assistance Provided**

- Technical assistance continues to be provided by LWCD staff for conservation projects, including:
  - *Chuck Kinnard (grassed waterway planning & design)*
  - *James Ledvina (grassed waterway planning & design w/ DNR permit)*
  - *Al Seidl (grassed waterway planning & design w/ DNR permit)*
  - *Lary Stahl (grassed waterway planning & design and manure storage fences)*
  - *Gerald Chervenka (grassed waterway planning & design)*
  - *Myron Treml (grassed waterway planning & design)*
  - *Hiems (grassed waterway (2) planning & design)*
  - *Kevin Ferry (manure storage planning & design)*
  - *Larry Dax (manure storage planning & design)*
  - *Jeff Stangel (manure storage planning & design)*
  - *Bob Dworak (manure storage abandonment planning & design)*
  - *Ron Abts (manure storage abandonment planning & design)*
  - *Mike Sevcik (manure storage abandonment (2) planning & design)*

## **Animal Waste Storage Facility Ordinance**

- Having met the design standards required through the County ordinance, the following permits have been issued since the last Committee meeting; Hall's Calf Ranch, Ebert Enterprises and Ron Abts. Permittees are informed that other applicable local, state and/or federal permits or approvals are their responsibility and must be complied with.
  - *Permits issued during 2012 – (16)... In 2012, a total of \$10,700 in permit fees have been submitted to the County.*
  - *Permits issued since 1989 – (238) ... So far since 1989, a total of \$54,100 in permit fees have been submitted to the County.*

## **Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation Ordinance**

- LWCD staff continue to assist the estate of Zellner Enterprises, Inc. and Dennis Abts with properly reclaiming and closing out the Zellner operation.
- 2013 annual permit fee notifications have been sent out.
  - *Permitted nonmetallic mining operations currently in effect – (30)*
  - *Permit fees retained for 2012 – \$12,115*
  - *Permit fees retained 2004 to date – \$97,070*

## **Manure Spill Responses**

- No new reported manure spills since last Committee meeting.

## **Well Abandonment Ordinance**

- LWCD staff continues to assist citizens with well abandonment inquiries.
  - *Wells properly abandoned in 2012 – (1)*
  - *Wells properly abandoned since April 2007 to date – (28)*

## **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program**

- Nothing of note to report since last Committee meeting.

## **Other LWCD Activities & Correspondence**

- On Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the Lake Michigan Land & Water Conservation Association will hold its annual planning and budget meeting in Green Bay at the Brown County LWCD. We'll plan on leaving the LWCD at 9:10 a.m.

- We received the \$1,290.62 invoice for the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association 2013 dues. The Committee should discuss whether or not we will be submitting an extra \$50 toward the Wisconsin Envirothon and/or \$350 toward the Standards Oversight Council.
- The Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association annual meeting has been scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Wisconsin Dells. Conference information can be viewed at the following web address: [www.wlwca.org/conference.html](http://www.wlwca.org/conference.html)

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# **Kewaunee County Land & Water Conservation Committee**

## **Special Meeting Minutes January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

The Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association held its annual Planning & Budget meeting in Green Bay on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Brown County Land Conservation Department. In attendance from Kewaunee County were Bob Garfinkel (LWCC), Ron Paider (LWCC) and Andy Wallander (LWCD).

Left Luxemburg at 9:10 a.m.

Registration for the meeting began at 9:30.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and roll call was taken.

After reviewing and approving of previous meeting minutes, the Treasurer's Report was given, followed by reports and discussion on the following topics:

- Board of Directors/Area Representatives Activities
- March 11<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Annual State Conference & Area Association Meeting
- 2013 Area Activity Schedule
- 2013 Area Annual Budget

Motions were made and adopted to approve the 2013 Annual Activity Schedule and Budget.

There was a roundtable report and discussion regarding recent county activities.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Returned to Luxemburg at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Andy Wallander, County Conservationist

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