

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

**May 7, 2013**

Committee Chairman Brian Papham 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. Clark Reimer from the FSA Committee was excused.

Also present for the meeting were, Andy Wallander - County Conservationist, and Joe Johnson – FSA District Conservationist.

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 a communication from the Cooperative Extension, Understanding Manure Irrigation – Public Research Symposia. This training will be held later in May.

Andy stated that his department has been dealing with issues from the Dale DeGrave farm in the Town of Red River. There has been manure overtopping his pit and he has been housing animals in a “no-animal” barn. These are all violations of his funding agreement signed many years ago. Dale also has been requesting if he no longer has to follow the rules after his funding program is over. Andy informed him the agreement stays with the land no matter who may own it in the future. Even if he turns the land over to his son or daughter, the rules still apply.

There was a manure spill on the Wayne Bradley farm. A manure hauler from L&M tipped a truck over and did receive injuries. The spill was properly reported and it was also cleaned up properly.

Andy shared a spread sheet of the Groundwater Guardians private well water testing program. It is very interesting to see how the pollutants rise and fall depending on the time of year the testing was done. The county averages about 30% of the wells testing badly for either e-coli, coliform bacteria or high in nitrates.

There was one conservation plan approved by the department this month. It was for a Farmland Preservation Program (FFP) plan. It was for Kevin and Robert Ferry.

Andy handed out a ‘draft’ resolution for review by the committee. It was a resolution Opposing Modifications to Wisconsin State Statute Section 710. The resolution in effect requests the state not to change the law which no foreigners may own land in the state. Following little discussion Garfinkel moved to support and send the resolution to the full board for approval. Paider seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the resolution.

The committee set the next meeting date for June 4, 2013 @ 8:00 a.m. at the office in the Fairgrounds.

The committee reviewed the bills. Garfinkel moved to approve the bills. Paider seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Paider moved to adjourn the meeting. Garfinkel seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted;

  
Chuck Wagner/Secretary.

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Special Committee Meeting Minutes**

**May 17, 2013**

Members of the committee met at the Land & Water Conservation Department in Luxemburg at 8:30 a.m. for the trip to the Rite Place in Bellevue in Brown County and the Lake Michigan District of the Wis Land & Water Conservation Association meeting. Attending the meeting were Committee members Chuck Wagner, Bob Garfinkel, Ron Paider and Paul Fredrick.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Hugh Mulliken from Door County. Minutes from the Oct 12, 2012 and the Jan 13, 2013 meetings were approved. The Treasurers Report was approved.

First on the agenda was One-Year Review of the post-merger of WLWCA and WALCE. Chuck Wagner and Bill Schuster gave some updates on board activities and the past March Annual meeting.

There were three presentations made at the meeting. The first was from Betsy Galbraith, US Fish and Wildlife Service on the Fox River Natural Resources Damage Assessment.

The second report was from Gary Vanvreede, US Fish and Wildlife Service about Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. Both gave very good presentations and encouraged our counties to see if they can partner with USFWS to do projects in our counties.

The last report was from Jerry Halverson – Manitowoc County Conservationist on Facility Siting Licensing for New and Expanding Farms. Jerry discussed how they have been working very hard in his county to get the farms to work with his department.

The group discussed the possible merger of GLNAC (Great Lakes Non-point Abatement Coalition) with WLWCA. The LM District went on record in support for the merger.

The summer tour will be held in Door County on July 19, 2013.

The meeting adjourned and the group traveled back to Luxemburg arriving at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;



Chuck Wagner/Secretary.