

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

March 5, 2014

Committee Chairman Brian Paplham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Other committee members present for the meeting were, Ron Paider, Chuck Wagner, Bob Garfinkel and Clark Reimer.

Also present for the meeting were, Andy Wallander - County Conservationist, Aerica Bjurstrom – UW-EXT Ag Agent, Davina Bonness – LWCD, and County Board Chair Bob Weidner.

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 informing the committee there were no notices of non-compliance. There was no input from the public at the meeting, written or in person.

Davina gave the committee an update on well testing programs in the county. There will be a county wide testing program again this spring for private wells. It will be on April 28, 2014. Please contact her at the office at 920-845-9743 to sign up. It is limited to the first 150 wells.

Andy requested of the committee to recommend approval by the Finance Committee of the use of \$500 from line item #240.56101.000.125 (Wages-Temporary Employee) for a project for testing wells in the Lincoln Township. The Town has contributed also to the well testing program and has made the request from the County for these funds. The committee discussed the issue. Paider moved to transfer the funds, Garfinkel seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

The results from this testing project will be posted sometime in June of this year. It has been an on-going project since last year.

Davina stated that there will be another Groundwater Festival this year. It will be at the fairgrounds building and will only include the 5th graders from LC school.

Andy discussed some Karst-specific amendments he has requested be made to the County's Animal Waste Storage Facility Ordinance regarding new manure storage facilities, manure stacking, winter/early spring liquid manure applications and sinkhole closures. After much discussion Wagner moved to forward the amendments to Corp Council and proceed with the process for full County Board approval. Paider seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Andy also discussed, and the committee reviewed a proposed Department Policy for Existing Manure Storages in Karst Areas and a proposed Department Policy for Well Contamination Event Investigations. There was an extensive discussion on these as well as current CAFO/manure spreading/farm expansion projects in the county. All agreed that after the upcoming election work should begin on putting together a work group made up of all concerned interests on these issues to try to come together with some workable solutions.

There was one FPP approved in the last month. It was for JJR Trust (John Reinke)

The committee discussed travel arrangements for the upcoming WLWCA Annual Convention being held March 10-12 at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton.

Aerica informed the committee that she and Supervisor David Mayer will be going to a meeting for the 2017 Ag Technology Days selection process.

The committee set a tentative date and time for the next meeting of April 7th @ 8 a.m. The meeting will be at the office in Luxemburg.

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

Wagner moved to adjourn the meeting. Paider seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Chuck Wagner/Secretary.