

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

Oct 8, 2013

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, Davina Bonness – County Water Specialist, Aerica Bjurstrom – UW-EXT Ag Agent, and Brian Maedke – Aphis Director 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.

The committee had a lengthy discussion on center pivot irrigation systems. There is a lot of miss-information going around the county as to exactly what type of system is being proposed. The WDNR is further confusing the issue by stating they are going to be testing all types of systems.

Davina discussed another issue she is having with the WDNR person in charge of permitting for certain agricultural practices. Davina has been working very hard to get WDNR approval for a grassed waterway system approval for the Al Seidel farm. Al is not being allowed to move ahead with his project because the WDNR is holding things up requesting a lot more information than normally is required. Al could lose the \$6,000 cost share funding available to him for this project if he can't get this approval and finish the project this year. The committee discussed options and the department will keep trying to get it done.

Andy discussed an issue he is having with J.Jadin, Inc. over permits for starting up another pit operation on the Pravacek property in the town of Casco. Apparently Jadin discussed what was needed at the L&WCD with Andy but did not get the permits before going to the town to get a town permit. After getting the town permit he started the operation. Andy has since given Jadin a cease and desist order until Jadin gets the proper permits from the county.

Andy discussed a resolution he would like the committee to forward on to the full County Board for approval. After discussion Wagner moved to forward to the full board for approval a resolution in support of exploring land use practices effective in preventing groundwater contamination in shallow karst aquifers. Garfinkel seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. This resolution was discussed by Andy at the County Board meeting in September.

Davina discussed a study that she has been working on the Town of Lincoln. The study is being co-funded by the Town and LNRP. It is a very expansive study testing ten wells in the Town that have been known to be bad in the past. They are taking water samples once a month on the same day each month for a period of one year. She is also collecting data on the weather for each day and tracking land spreading and cropping practices in adjacent crop fields. The tests are for the normal bacteria and nitrates as well as other things normally in the "household" package test. They are five months into the study and are going to try to get funding to add six more months to the study. So far the results have been very interesting to see the fluctuations of contaminants as weather, cropping and nutrient spreading takes place in the area.

Brian Maedke discussed the Animal Crop Damage Claim Program for the county. The committee discussed the program and the prices that will be paid to producers for crop damage claims. The committee increased some prices and decreased some as well. After all of the discussion Paider moved to approve the adjustments and authorize Chairman Paplham to sign the agreement. Garfinkel seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Aerica Bjurstrom thanked the committee for supporting the resolution to host Farm Technology Days in the County. She stated she will be attending a meeting later on and she expects to hear from the Farm Tech Com of their selection by next April.

Wagner discussed the County Conservationist meetings that were held last week in Wisconsin Rapids. There were two main topics of discussion. They were adaptive management and the merging of different County Departments with Land & Water Conservation. There are many different issues to keep in mind before any county should attempt to merge other departments with L&WC. The County Conservationist is the only one statutorily authorized to sign for most of the state funding for a lot of agricultural practices done in the counties. If that role is filled by some other person or that persons' time is split between managing other departments it also jeopardizes the DATCP staffing grant. That grant amount was increased this year in Kewaunee County by \$16,005. This is in part due to a lot of work done by the WLWCA, WCA and many other individuals around the state.

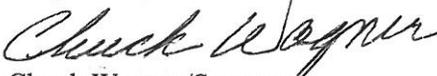
The committee discussed and set up a time to meet for traveling to the LMLWCA District meeting being held on Friday, October 11 in Marinette. We will depart from the offices in Luxemburg at 7:30 a.m. on Friday.

The committee set tentative dates and times for future meetings. They are; Nov 5th @ 8 a.m. and Dec 4th @ 8 a.m. All meetings will be at the office in Luxemburg.

The committee reviewed the bills. Wagner moved to approve the bills. Paider 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.

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Special Committee Meeting Minutes**

Oct 11, 2013

Members of the committee met at the Land & Water Conservation Department in Luxemburg at 7:30 a.m. for the trip to the The Rail House in Marinette and the Lake Michigan District meeting of the Wis Land & Water Conservation Association. Attending the meeting were Committee members Brian Paplham, Chuck Wagner, Bob Garfinkel, Ron Paider and Andy Wallander from the Department.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chuck Wagner – the Supervisor Representative from the Lake Michigan District.

Minutes from the May 17, 2013 spring meeting were approved.

The Treasurers Report was approved.

Wagner gave reports on the LWCB and WLWCA County Conservationist meetings that were held in the last week.

Greg Cleerman, County Conservationist from Marinette County gave two reports. The first one was on the Sand Lake Conservation Camp. It was very gratifying to see how many middle school aged kids they get to attend each year and the wonderful job they do informing the kids about good conservation on the land.

The second report concerned a new machine that Marinette County is using to harvest invasive plants from lakes. The process is called hydraulic harvesting and utilizes technology designed for mining gold in the Yukon. The County is using this system to remove different invasive plants from lakes in the County.

The group discussed events taking place in each of their counties.

The next meeting will be the planning and scheduling meeting held each year in Brown County in January.

The meeting adjourned and the group traveled back to Luxemburg arriving at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;



Chuck Wagner/Secretary.