

**Kewaunee County
Land and Water Conservation Committee**

Lake Michigan Area Land and Water Conservation Association
Spring Conference and Reorganization Meeting (and new LWCC member training)
The Landmark Resort in Door County
Friday, May 30th, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair John Pagel at 8:00 a.m.

LWCC members in attendance included John Pagel, Bob Garfinkel and Ron Paider. LWCD staff in attendance included Davina Bonness and Andy Wallander. Chuck Wagner was also in attendance as Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association Chair, and State Land and Water Conservation Board Member. Lee Luft and Clark Reimer were absent.

The Lake Michigan Area (LMA) meeting began at 9:35 a.m.

Lake Michigan Area Association Reorganization

Kewaunee County members of the LMA Board of Directors will be Bob Garfinkel (Committee Member) and Andy Wallander (Staff Member).

The LMA Board of Directors unanimously approved Bill Schuster (Door County) as President and Ken Fisher (Door County) as Vice-President.

Bill Schuster appointed Buzz Kamke (Oconto County) as Secretary/Treasurer and Ken Dolata (Oconto County) as Area Coordinator.

Buzz Kamke presented the Treasurer's Report.

Chuck Wagner reported on Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association activities as well as recent State Land and Water Board activities.

An extensive training presentation for new Land and Water Conservation Committee members was provided by Jim VandenBrook, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association. Committee member roles and responsibilities were discussed along with the history of land and water conservation in Wisconsin.

After lunch, there was discussion about the process for replacement of the vacancy on the State Land and Water Conservation Board due to Chuck Wagner no longer being eligible for the position. There was a motion by Bob Garfinkel (Kewaunee County) to nominate John Pagel (Kewaunee County) as the Lake Michigan Area's nominee for the State Land and Water Conservation Board. The motion was seconded by Jim Baumgart (Sheboygan County). The motion carried.

Davina Bonness (Kewaunee County LWCD) presented on well testing in Kewaunee County.

Greg Cleereman (Marinette County) presented on the invasive species known as Yellow Floating Heart in Marinette County.

Bill Schuster (Door County) presented an update on White Nose Bat Syndrome in Door County.

Lisa Schultz (Wis. Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection) presented an update report on DATCP activities

County Conservationists provided a roundtable discussion of various project taking place in their counties.

Andy Wallander (Kewaunee County) provided an update on the upcoming July 11th Lake Michigan Area Summer Meeting and Tour to be held in Kewaunee County.

The LMA meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. and everyone from Kewaunee County arrived back in Luxemburg at 3:25 p.m.

For more information see attached Lake Michigan Area Association draft minutes

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Members Present

Brown County 0-LCC, 1-Staff
Door County 2-LCC, 3-Staff
Kewaunee County 3-LCC, 2-Staff
Manitowoc County 0-LCC, 1-Staff

Marinette County 1-LCC, 1-Staff
Oconto County 3-LCC, 1-Staff
Shawano County 1-LCC, 1-Staff
Sheboygan County 1-LCC, 1-Staff

1. Meeting called to order by Vice President Bill Schuster at 9:34 a.m.
2. Roll call (see Members present)
Also present: Ty Larson – NRCS, Jim VandenBrook – WLWCA, Lisa Schultz – DATCP, Chuck Wagner – Kewaunee County
3. Door County Welcome – Ken Fisher, Door County LCC Chair.
4. Approval of Agenda – motion by Andy Wallander – Kewaunee LCD, 2nd by Dick Gilles – Oconto LCC. Carried.
5. Reorganization
 - A. Explanation of Process & Meeting Voting Authority/Process

Bill Schuster explained the process of reorganization for the Lake Michigan Board of Directors, nomination process for State Board of Directors representatives and explained the June 12th, 2014 Board of Directors meeting.

B. Designation of Area Association Board of Director Members by Each County
See Attached Sheet

C. BOD Election of President and Vice President - Jerry Halverson, Manitowoc LCD, nominated Bill Schuster, Door County SWCD for president. Motion by Ken Fisher, Door County LCC, to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot, 2nd by Dick Gilles, Oconto County LCC. Carried.

John Pagel, Kewaunee County LCC nominated Ken Fisher, Door County LCC, for Vice President. Motion by Dick Gilles, Oconto County LCC, to close nomination and cast unanimous ballot, 2nd by Marvin Klosterman, Shawano County LCC. Carried.

D. Appointment of Area Secretary/Treasurer – President Schuster appointed Buzz Kamke, Oconto County LCC, as Secretary/Treasurer.

E. Appointment of Area Coordinator – President Schuster appointed Ken Dolata, Oconto County LCD, as Area Coordinator.

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 11, 2013 Board of Directors Meetings

Motion by Andy Wallander, Kewaunee County LCD, to approve January 2014 and October 11th, 2013 minutes, 2nd by Ken Fisher, Door County LCC. Carried.

7. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer reported since January 10th 2014, one check for \$20 was issued for the business meeting and 9 checks were issued for the area poster contest for the amount of \$175. All eight member counties have paid their dues. Current balance of \$824.98 in checking and \$1,134.91 in savings. Motion by Jim Jolly, Brown County LCD, to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Dick Gilles, Oconto County LCC. Carried.

8. WI Land & Water Conservation Association/Board Report

Chuck Wagner of Kewaunee County explained why he is no longer on the Kewaunee County LCC and what effects it will have on WLWCA as he was Lake Michigan Area Rep. Jim Vandenbrook talked about the spring county conservationist meeting, the Phosphorous Summit in Madison, Act 378 that was signed by the governor and about the current stage of the Adaptive Management Trading. WLWCA has moved its office location and Kristine Anderson was recently hired as Outreach and Education Specialist.

9. New (and Returning) LCC Supervisor (and Staff) Training

Jim VandenBrook of WLWCA and Lisa Schultz of DATCP conducted training for new and returning LCC supervisors and staff called "LCC-101"

10. Lunch

11. State Land & Water Conservation Board Vacancy Nomination

Jim VandenBrook explained what the position responsibilities entail and that the committee consists of 3 LCC members and that due to April 2014 county board elections Chuck Wagner's position is open. Each area can provide a nomination by July 1st, 2014 then paper ballot will be sent out to each county.

Bob Garfinkel, Kewaunee County LCC, nominated John Pagel, Kewaunee County LCC. Motion by Bob Garfinkel, Kewaunee County LCC, to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot, 2nd by Jim Baumgart, Sheboygan County LCC. Carried.

12. Groundwater Testing in Kewaunee County

Davina Bonness, Kewaunee County LCD, gave presentation on Kewaunee County's well testing project. All wells in county were mapped according to depth to bedrock. Testing was done on over 600 wells since 2004 and three areas have hi rates of bacteria or Nitrates. One sight is at 30% and 2 sights are over 40% of contaminated wells above the state allowable limits. Conducted a one year study in the Town of Lincoln where they monthly tested 10 wells, have just finished and are going over results.

13. Yellow Floating Heart Invasive Species

Greg Cleerman, Marinette County LCD, gave a report on the challenges of trying to eradicate Yellow Floating Heart. Methods have been trial and error, freezing out in the winter is one method but Greg felt we had to much snow this year to freeze properly.

14. White Nose Syndrome Update

Bill Schuster explained what WNS is and a brief history of it. Bill discussed Horse Shoe Bay Cave that is approximately 3,000' long and the Door County owns the mouth and the first couple hundred feet of the cave. Currently working on a cave management plan and hopes to have it to county board this year. Horse Shoe Cave has 4 species of bats that hibernate inside it. Bill also mentioned that this is the first year WNS was documented in Grant County and two other Counties in Upper Michigan.

15. DATCP Update Report

Lisa Schultz of DATCP reported on ACTP 50, there is webinars on DATCP's website. DATCP created brochures for Nutrient Management that is targeted for farmers, if any county wants some to hand out contact Lisa. The Nutrient Management Quality Assurance team will be meeting in July and will soon be requesting plans from counties.

16. County Roundtable Reports-"What's Happening in Your County?" Verbal Report by all counties presents

Shawano County – Applied for multi county AIS grant and did not receive grant. Doing normal farm projects.

Oconto County – Due to wet fall and wet spring excavators are book for the year and having trouble getting contractors. Last year of the pike project with about 20 practices to install this year.

Marinette County – Has been working with USFW mapping fish passage issues and will be implementing some projects this year. Mechanical plant harvester is almost complete and already has people wishing to use it. Sand Lake Conservation Camp has 93 registered, which is maximum.

Manitowoc County – has same contractor issues as mentioned earlier, heavy workload with Farmland Preservation and is now working with the new standards for FPP.

Sheboygan County – they had two wells that were suspected of being contaminated by manure applications and heavy rain. Working on Otter Creek project looking for better water management of tile systems. Have been using bark bed system and it is not working to for phosphorous but is for nitrates. Working rewrite of Land and Water Resource Management Plan.

Kewaunee County – Luxemburg school took first place in the state envirothon, teacher is retiring so not sure what will happen next year. Completed tree and shrub sales. Starting the NR151 walk over for the 2nd visit as all sites have been done once over the last 4 years. Working on the Animal Waste Ordinance to get approval from DNR and DATCP to get higher restrictions on manure spreading. Kewaunee County will be hosting the Wisconsin Farm Progress days in 2017.

Door County – 4 new LCC members, have same contractor problems – rebuilding several beaches and had to delay until fall due to contractors. From the Dunes Lake study the found that ground water is the main delivery system of nutrients into the lake, not surface water.

17. July 11 Summer Meeting/Tour- Kewaunee County

Andy Wallander, Kewaunee County LCD, discussed the tour and cost. Planning to focus on local wineries in the County and the importance of good water quality.

18. Correspondence/Reports

Ty Larson of NRCS discussed the consolidations of counties for the local work groups and gave out dates for most counties, emails will follow. Also discussed NRCS's new program called Regional Conservation Partnership Program and discussed possible funding requests for proposals.

19. Adjourn – motion by Ken Fischer, Door County LCC to adjourn, 2nd by Ken Dolata Oconto County LCD. Carried.

Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office
May 6th, 2014 8:00 AM

2014-2016 Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Committee (LWCC) Members:

John Pagel – Chair (County Board member)
Ron Paider – Vice Chair (County Board member)
Lee Luft – Secretary (County Board member)
Bob Garfinkel – Committee Member (County Board Member)
Andy Wallander – County Conservationist
Clark Riemer (USDA Farm Service Agency Representative)
Aerica Bjurstrom – UW Extension Agricultural Agent

Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation (LWCD) Staff:

Andy Wallander – County Conservationist
Davina Bonness – Conservationist - Water Quality Specialist
Paul Fredrich – Conservationist - Soils Specialist
Terri Albrecht – Program Specialist
Terri Marcusen – LWCD Secretary

Cooperating Agency Members from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA):

Joe Johnson -USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist
Aerica Bjurstrom - UW Extension Agricultural Agent
Brian Maedke – USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) *Attends as appropriate.*

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman John Pagel

Roll Call: All above were in attendance except for: Committee Members present: John Pagel, Ron Paider, Lee Luft, Bob Garfinkel. Absent: Clark Riemer. LWCD and Cooperating Agency Staff present: Andy Wallander, LWCD; Joe Johnson, USDA NRCS and Aerica Bjurstrom, UW Extension.

KCLWCC Reorganization following April 2014 County Elections:

Election of Vice-Chairperson: The committee elected Ron Paider as Vice Chairperson – vote was unanimous.
Election of Secretary: The committee elected Lee Luft as Secretary – vote was unanimous.

Public Comments:

Members of the public made comments as follows:

Tom Konop: Thanked Chuck Wagner for his service on the KCLWCC. Tom feels Chuck Wagner will be missed given his position on State-wide committees. Tom felt KCLWCC staff pay should be higher and staff numbers should be increased. JKCLWCC must earn and maintain trust in the field with farm owners/personnel.

Linda Cochart: Expressed her concern that many Kewaunee County residents fear getting their wells tested and that current well testing does not present the full scope of our groundwater problems.

Jodi Parins: Indicated support for a task force that will evaluate land and water issues as well as public health concerns. Indicated Dairy Dreams CAFO may be spreading manure outside of Kewaunee County (Door County).

Dick Swanson: Wanted to make sure KCLWCC understands the public is watching and waiting to see if the committee will make the tough decisions necessary to improve water quality and ensure healthy conditions in Kewaunee County.

Bill Iwen: Expressed concerns about KCLWCC composition. Wants to ensure fair, unbiased decision-making and action.

General Overview of KCLWCC Roles and Responsibilities:

Andy Wallander led the committee members through a presentation explaining the role of County Land Conservation Committees (To conserve soil, water and related natural resources), the laws that established these Committees and the make-up of County Land Conservation Committees. Per Chapter 92 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, Land Conservation Committees must be comprised of: At least 2 persons serving on the county's agriculture and extension Committees, one person who is the chairperson of the county farm service agency, any number of members who are members of the county board and up to 2 members who are not members of the county board.

General Overview of KCLWCC Roles and Responsibilities-continued:

representative of the county USDA Farm Service Agency, any number of county board members and up to 2 members that are not on the county board.

Andy Wallander reviewed the following statutes and codes and their impact on the role of the KCLWCC:

- A. Chapter 92 of Wisconsin State Statutes (Soil and Water Conservation and Animal Waste Management)
 - a. 92.06 Land Conservation Committees
 - b. 92.07 Land Conservation Committee Powers
 - c. 92.09 Land Conservation Committee Staff.
- B. Chapter NR 151 Wisconsin Administrative Code (Runoff Management)
 - a. NR 151.002 Definitions
 - b. NR 151.015 Definitions
 - c. NR 151.02 through NR 151.07 Agricultural Performance Standards
 - d. NR 151.08 Manure Management Prohibitions
- C. Chapter Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (ATCP) 50 Wisconsin Administrative Code (Soil and Water Resource Management Program)
 - a. ATCP 50.01 Definitions
 - b. ATCP 50.10 through 50.24 County Soil and Water Programs
 - c. ATCP 50.40 Cost Share Grants to Landowners
 - d. ATCP 50.60 Livestock Operations - local regulation
 - e. ACTP 50.61 through 50.98 Standards for Cost Shared Practices

Andy Wallander also reviewed the roles and make-up of the following conservation agencies and associations:

- D. Cooperating Agencies:
 - a. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - b. USDA Farm Service Agency
 - c. USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
 - d. University of Wisconsin Extension
- E. Area and State Associations:
 - a. Lake Michigan Area Land and Water Conservation Association (consisting of representatives from Brown, Door, Oconto, Marinette, Kewaunee, Shawano, Sheboygan and Manitowoc counties.
 - b. Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association

Department Reports:

- A. Andy Wallander reviewed the 2014 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Contract with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).
 - a. For 2014 the KCLWCD – DATCP Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Contract is valued at a total of \$230,142.00 which is comprised of \$117,788.00 in staffing grants and \$112,354.00 in conservation cost-share grants.
 - b. A motion to approve the 2014 Soil and Water Grant Contract was made by Lee Luft and Seconded by Bob Garfinkel and approved by unanimous vote of the Committee.

Department Reports – continued:

- B. The committee was charged with naming a staff representative and a committee member to the Lake Michigan Area Land and Water Conservation Association Board of Directors.
 - a. A motion to approve Andy Wallander as the KCLWCC Staff Member and Bob Garfinkel as Committee Member for the Lake Michigan Area Land and Water Conservation Association was made by Ron Paider and Seconded by Lee Luft and approved by a unanimous vote of the Committee.
- C. Andy Wallander introduced the Committee to the Kewaunee County Animal Waste Storage Facility Ordinance and his proposed amendments to this Ordinance. The Kewaunee County Animal Waste Storage Facility Ordinance was reviewed in detail along with Andy Wallander's amendments. The first reading of this Ordinance will take place at the May 20th Kewaunee County Board meeting with possible adoption at the Board's June meeting. Committee members reviewed this Ordinance and were in agreement with the text and the suggested amendments.
- D. Andy Wallander made the Committee aware of the upcoming Lake Michigan Area Land and Water Conservation Association Spring Conference and Reorganization Meeting on May 30th at the Landmark Hotel near Egg Harbor. Registration for this meeting is required before May 23rd. Committee members, see handout provided by Andy Wallander. Andy Wallander and Bob Garfinkel will attend on behalf of the KCLWCC and other Committee members are welcome to attend.
- E. Andy Wallander made the Committee aware of the July 11th Lake Michigan Area Land and Water Conservation Association tour that will occur in Kewaunee County on July 11th, 2014.
- F. Andy Wallander reported on the 2014 KCLWCD Spring Tree and Shrub Seedlings Program. 528 trees and shrubs in small volume increments were provided at low cost to Kewaunee County residents under this program.

Cooperating Agency Reports:

- A. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service report: Joe Johnson is waiting to read the entire contents of the newly passed U.S. Farm bill. Joe will report on key items.
- B. USDA Farm Service Agency report: Clark Riemer – absent.
- C. University of Wisconsin Extension report: Aerica Bjurstrom is coordinating a 6th grade countywide conservation tour in May.
- D. Other Agency/Organization Reports:

Resolutions: No action was taken on resolutions by the Committee at this meeting.

Review of Cost Sharing Agreements: There were no cost-sharing agreements presented to the Committee at this meeting.

Travel Authorizations: The Committee approved a travel authorization for Andy Wallander for a May 8th and 9th, 2014 statewide Spring County Conservationist meeting in Wisconsin Rapids with an overnight stay on May 8th. The Committee also agreed that Andy does not need to ask for authorization for planned and budgeted travel unless such travel would exceed the Department's budget or require a lengthy unplanned absence from responsibilities.

Next Meeting Dates: Next regularly scheduled KCLWCC Meeting was set for June 10th at 9:00 AM at the Kewaunee Co. Fairgrounds.

Approval of Bills: The Committee members approved all bills as presented.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Paider and Seconded by Bob Garfinkel. The motion passed unanimously.