

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting**  
**Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office October 21, 2014 9:00 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)  
Davina Bonness – County Conservationist  
Clark Reimer (USDA Farm Service Agency Representative)  
Aerica Bjorstrom – UW Extension Agricultural Agent

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation (LWCD) Staff:**

Davina Bonness – County Conservationist  
**Open Position** – Conservationist - Water Quality Specialist  
Paul Fredrich – Conservationist - Soils Specialist  
Theresa Albrecht – Program Specialist  
Theresa Marcusen – LWCD Secretary

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

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

**1) Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman John Pagel**

**2) Roll Call:** Committee Members present: John Pagel, Ron Paider, Lee Luft, Bob Garfinkel, Clark Reimer. LWCD and Cooperating Agency Staff present: Davina Bonness, Joe Johnson-USDA and Brian Maedke-USDA were present.

**3) Approval/Repair of Agenda:** Motion to accept the October 21st agenda as presented was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**4) Correspondence:** There was no correspondence regarding the regularly scheduled meeting of the Land and Water Conservation Committee.

**5) Public Comments regarding the regularly scheduled Land and Water Conservation Meeting:** There were two public comments.

Jodi Parins asked the Land and Water Conservation Department to provide publicly available information on the status of the Public Health and Groundwater Protection Ordinance and the next steps toward passage by the Towns and Cities of Kewaunee County.

Joe Musial asked the Land and Water Conservation Department to be aware of possible improper spreading of manure into two separate culverts. These culverts are located near the intersection of Highway D and Lincoln Road and the intersection of Fremont and Birch Roads.

**6) Department Reports:**

- a) **Animal Waste Storage Permits:** Davina reported on waste storage permits and indicated that there had been a visit to Kewaunee County by the EPA. Results of the EPA visit to be shared when the EPA report has been completed and received by the KC Land and Water Conservation Dept.
- b) **Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers:** Davina Bonness reported that there are still approximately 20 walkovers to be completed by the KCLWCD.

- c) **Cost Share Agreements:** Davina reported that year-to-date spending on soil and water cost sharing projects has totaled \$56,000. In addition, some cost sharing funds for nutrient management plans remains available.
- d) **Land and Water Conservation Plans for Approval:** Davina indicated that the Conservation plans are complete and ready for submission to the State of Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board. Approval by the State of Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board will result in a five year extension of Kewaunee County's Work Plan.

**7) Cooperating Agency Reports:**

- a) **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):** Joe Johnson reported that the major initiatives by NRCS for 2015 will be to increase the use of cover crops and no-till farming practices to reduce soil erosion.
- b) **USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA):** No report.
- c) **University of Wisconsin Extension (UWEX):** No report.
- d) **USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS):** Brian Maedke
  - i) **2015 Preliminary Wisconsin Cooperative Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP):** Brian presented information regarding the current year's program and participants as well as the participant list for the upcoming year. The 2014 Budget for WDACP and the proposed 2015 WDACP Budget was also presented. A motion to approve the current year spending and planned budget was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Lee Luft. Motion passed unanimously.
  - ii) **2014 Wisconsin Cooperative Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) Crop Prices:** Brian presented the proposed crop prices that will be paid to WDACP participating farmers who suffer crop losses. A motion to approve the 2014 crop prices was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider. Motion passed unanimously.
  - iii) **Presentation of 2013 APHIS Annual Report:** It was agreed that Brian will present the 2013 Annual APHIS report at the Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting in December (December 8<sup>th</sup>).
- e) **Other Agency Reports:** No additional reports were presented.

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

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

**10) Travel Authorizations:** There were no travel authorizations presented at this meeting.

**11) Next Meeting Dates:** Next regularly scheduled KCLWCC Meeting date is as follows: Tuesday November 11th at 9:00 AM at the Kewaunee Co. Fairgrounds offices of the KCLWCD. The December meeting date will be MONDAY December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

**12) Approval of Bills:** Current month bills were presented, reviewed and signed by all Committee members. A motion to approve all bills as presented was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of this motion.

**13) Other Matters:**

- a) **Announcement on the location for Kewaunee County's 2017 Farm Technology Days.** Ron Paider informed the committee that the Ebert Farm in the Town of Pierce has been selected as the site for the 2017 Farm Technology Days. Other farms had been considered however a decision to select the Ebert farm was based on drainage at the site and the farm's proximity to major roadways.
- b) **Job Description for Conservationist – Water Quality Specialist (essentially filling the open position resulting from the promotion of Davina Bonness to County Conservationist):** Davina indicated that a job description for this position had been prepared/updated and sent to County Administrator, Ed Dorner's office. Ed Dorner will review this information and candidates with Kewaunee County's Personnel Committee.
- c) **Public Health and Groundwater Protection Ordinance Questions:** Davina was asked to prepare a "Fact Sheet" regarding the implementation of this new ordinance and to create a detailed map highlighting those areas of the County with 20 feet or less soil to bedrock. Davina indicated she would work on the map over the winter months (2014/2015).
- d) **Other Questions/Speakers:**
  - i) Ron Heuer, County Board Chair and Clark Reimer spoke about the need for timely and practical public information on the new Public Health and Groundwater Ordinance.

**14) Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 AM was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider. Motion carried unanimously.

Lake Michigan Area Land and Water  
Board of Directors Fall Meeting  
October 10, 2014 Sheboygan

The committee (Ron Paider, Bob Garfinkel, and Andy Wallander) left Luxemburg at 8:00 am on Friday October 10th. Registration was at 9:00 am at the Highland House in Sheboygan.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Bill Schuster at 9:30 am.

Roll Call was taken by Buzz Kamke, Secretary.

Welcome was given by Sheboygan County Administrator, Adam Payne.

Approval of Agenda by Kewaunee County, seconded by Oconto County

Approval of May 30th minutes by Sheboygan, seconded by Shawano.

Treasurer's report by Buzz Kamke, Treasurer.

Sheboygan River Project was given by Aaron Brault.

Amsterdam Dunes Project was given by Adam Payne.

Forging Public /Private Partnerships- John Nelson , Nature Conservancy.

Soil Health , Mike Patin, NRCS District Conservationist.

Kewaunee County Public Health and Groundwater Ordinance; "What we proposed, why we proposed it, and status."

Agency Report-DATCP

County Roundtable Reports-What's happening in your county?

Next Board of Directors Meeting-January in Brown County.

Adjourn

The committee returned to Luxemburg at 2:23 pm

Acting Secretary

Bob Garfinkel