

Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office July 14, 2015 9:00 AM

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; LWCD and Cooperating Agency Staff present: Davina Bonness, Tom Konop (LCC advisor). Kewaunee County Board Chairman, Ron Heuer, County Board Member Larry Kirchman, and Joe Johnson, Ty Larson & Betsy DooLittle from USDA/NRCS were present. Clark Riemer was absent.

3) Approval/Repair of Agenda: Motion to accept the July 14, 2015 agenda as presented was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4). Approval/Repair of June 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept the June 15, 2015 meeting minutes as presented was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5) Public Comments regarding the regularly scheduled Land and Water Conservation Meeting: There were 3 public comments.

Joe Musial: Discussed chloride discharges in the East Twin River and that DNR will be updating a 2009 fish survey.

Jodi Parins: Handed out a document to the LCC and Davina Bonness correcting her public comment from the June 16th LCC meeting. Also attached were DNR facility's approved sites reports, annual land application reports and methods of disposal or distribution reports from Renier Sanitation Service, Pelishek Sanitation, Agropur, and JBS Green Bay. Please see Davina Bonness, County Conservationist for copy of noted statement.

Mick Sagrillo: Discussed how the Town of Lincoln signed a contract with the Wisconsin Geological & Natural History Survey to start Lincoln's groundwater mapping project. Estimated to last about 1 ¼ years; the County Land Information Office did contribute funds to this project, which Lee Luft said the finance committee approved.

6) Department Reports:

a) *Animal Waste Storage Permits*

--DeJardin Farms -- \$1,000 – Solid Stacking Pad Storage

b) *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers*

--22 letters of full compliance have been issued this year

--Travis has conducted 20 walkovers, including 18 GWW

- 8 are in compliance schedule
 - 2 leaking storage facilities
 - 1 leachate collection
 - 1 barnyard runoff to waters of the state
 - 4 grassed waterways.

--Two DNR/LWCD (Erin Hanson / Davina Bonness) walkovers occurred on 5/19/15 – Dale DeGrave & Brent / Dixie Eisenman

- Dale DeGrave was issued a NOD for discharges occurring onsite
 - Feed Leachate
 - Parlor Milkhouse Waste
- Eisenman Farm was in full compliance

c) *Cost-Share Agreements*

--Working with Secretary Ben Brancel & DATCP on transferring SEG – BOND funds.

Motion to amend our 2015 SWRM Contract with DATCP by transferring \$48,000 in SEG funds to BOND funds to install two 313 manure stacking pads was made by Lee Luft and seconded by Ron Paider. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- d) *Conservation Plans for Approval*
--Ronald Tassoul & Mountainview Acres LLC
- e) *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates*
--2 NONC – not submitted 590 NM plan
--NOD – Dale DeGrave (DNR) – from the 6/23 site walkover
- f) *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance Update*
--Starting to meet with landowner's onsite for stacking locations; several landowners will be requesting stacking variances for 2016 until they can construct permanent storages.
- g) *Well Testing Program*
--124 wells were tested; 27 unsafe (bacteria and/or nitrates) – 21.7%
--also tested 25 in Lincoln, did not add those into the percentages because we did not test for bacteria and would not be an accurate representation of unsafe wells.

7) Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a) **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):** Joe Johnson spoke briefly about how NRCS is working with several landowners/operators with cover crops. Rio Creek held a cover crop demonstration meeting at their Luxemburg office on 7/8/15, which was well attended by agency and operators within our area. Ty Larson mentioned the NRCS workgroup meeting will be held at the Brown County "County Extension Office" on Monday, July 20th from 1pm-3pm.

8) Other Matters:

a. Landowner Communication Letter (referencing Manure Ruling / Door County)

Lee Luft handed out a "Sample Cropland Rental Agreement with Conservation Options" letter from Door County and discussed how renters and landowners have a right to know what's going on their property and the liability associated with the new court rulings. Lee Luft further stated he was working on a draft letter for Kewaunee County residents, in which he will send around and the LCC will discuss if this is something they would like to do in the future.

b. Groundwater Task Force Meeting 8/5/15

LCC discussed how Russ Rasmussen & Kyle Burton will be in attendance at the next Groundwater Task Force Meeting to be held on 8/5/15 at 1:00pm at the Luxemburg Fair Grounds office.

c. Door County Chapter 23

Lee Luft asked Chairman Pagel to consider putting Chapter 23 on the August agenda for LCC to discuss and possibly consider for Kewaunee County.

9) Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: Next meeting dates: Tuesday August 11 at 9:00 AM; Tuesday September 8 at 9:00am

10) Approval of Bills: Motion to accept the July 14th bills as presented was made by Lee Luft and seconded by Ron Paider. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

11) Chairman's Wrap-Up Comments: Chairman Pagel discussed how he is excited about the improvements made in Kewaunee County moving forward in Groundwater, Surface Water, Grassed Waterways, Private wells, Manure spreading among others. Credits the LCC, LWCD, and NRCS for a job well done.

12) Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 AM was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Davina Bonness – Kewaunee County, County Conservationist