

Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office August 11, 2015 9:00 AM
Minutes

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

2) Roll Call: Committee Members present: John Pagel, Clark Riemer, 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 from USDA/NRCS were present.

3) Approval/Repair of Agenda: Motion to accept the August 11, 2015 agenda as presented was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4). Approval/Repair of July 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept the July 14, 2015 meeting minutes as presented was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Lee Luft. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5) Public Comments regarding the regularly scheduled Land and Water Conservation Meeting: There were 7 public comments.

Dick Swanson – East Twin River moved to the impaired list of waterways; we need action to fix our problems today.

Joe Musial – Recent testing on the East Twin still showing chloride issues, but in the Silver Creek tributary there has been signs of improvements, i.e. crayfish, fish

Ron Heuer –People being misinformed is hurting Kewaunee County. For example, there are two versions of the DNR nutrient balance summary, one distributed in June/July and another corrected version in November.

Tom Konop – Would like to get all sides together for an across the table discussion on Kewaunee County's issues

Bill Iwen –Wants to know the details regarding the November revised DNR nutrient balance sheet

Mick Sagrillo – Town of Lincoln planning commission. Discussed how hard Township planning is when there are dueling numbers. He would like one set of numbers that are researched and fact checked?

Joe Mills – Recycling paper is not accurate and out of date

6) Department Reports:

a) *Animal Waste Storage Permits*

--El-Na Farms -- \$500.00-- Sand Separator

--Wayne Bradley -- \$3000.00 – Concrete Lined Manure Storage

b) *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers*

-- 20 Farmland Walkovers were completed this month of which all were in full compliance and karst features maps were updated to reflect findings from walkovers.

c) *Cost-Share Agreements*

--All DATCP BOND is allocated to signed contracts

d) *Conservation Plans for Approval*

--None

e) *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates*

--None

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.

7) Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a) **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):** Joe Johnson spoke briefly about how NRCS is busy with wetland determinations. There may be a CRP sign up this fall and their office is working with landowners who are impacted by the Groundwater Protection Ordinance and want to sign up for manure storage cost sharing.

8) Other Matters:

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

Lee Luft handed out a "Sample Cropland Rental Agreement with Conservation Options" and asked the LCC / Davina to look over the letter for next month.

b. DNR Nutrient Balance Summary

Two versions were put into circulation. The first was done in June/July and was based off Wisconsin Fast Facts and the second was a correction of the first and was done in November. Therefore, there are two sets of DNR Nutrient Balance Summary numbers for Kewaunee County. We need to know which one is accurate, and what the numbers are based off. We need consistent information and we need verifiable information.

c. Chapter 23

The LCC decided to table the discussion of implementing Chapter 23 in Kewaunee County because 1). LWCD does not have adequate staff to implement Chapter 23; 2). LWCD has a good working relationship with landowners and operators and 3). LWCD has a MOU with DNR for enforcement.

9) Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: Tuesday September 8, at 9:00am; Tuesday October 13, 2015 at 9:00am

10) Approval of Bills: Motion to accept the August 11, 2015 bills as presented was made by Lee Luft and seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

11) Chairman's Wrap-Up Comments: Chairman Pagel discussed how this was a good meeting and excited to work together and move forward in Kewaunee County.

12) Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 AM was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Davina Bonness – Kewaunee County, County Conservationist