

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting**  
**Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office September 8, 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, Joe Johnson from USDA/NRCS, and Aerica Bjurstrom from UWEX were present.

**3) Approval/Repair of Agenda:** Motion to accept the September 8, 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 August 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes:** Motion to accept the August 11, 2015 meeting minutes as presented was made by Lee Luft 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:**

Six people commented today in public comment with concerns to the Phosphorus in the East Twin River, Kewaunee county staffing issues and taking enforcement action within our Land and Water department.

**6) Department Reports:**

- a) *Animal Waste Storage Permits*  
--Deer Run Dairy -- \$800.00 for Waste Transfer System / Reception Pit
- b) *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers*  
-- 11 Farmland Walkovers were completed this month of which all were in full compliance and karst features maps were updated to reflect findings from walkovers. Three needed updated Nutrient Management Plans, two of those have no manure applications on any fields and one had 3 beef animals. All three will be submitting updated plans to our office.
- c) *Conservation Plans for Approval*  
--None
- d) *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates*  
--None
- e) *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance Update*  
--Stacking variances for 2016 will come before the LCC in October / November meetings
- f) *2016 Proposed Land & Water Budget*  
--Was postponed until October LCC meeting.  
--All County Departments were asked to submit a "Proposed" zero percent and five percent (reduction) budget
- g) *2016 Proposed Animal Waste Storage Fee Schedule*  
--Was postponed until October LCC meeting

**7) Cooperating Agency Reports:**

- a) **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):** Joe Johnson (NRCS) and Davina Bonness (LWCD) discussed the recent NRCS Technical Advisory Meeting (TAG). This meeting was a result of a Kewaunee County letter sent to NRCS asking for technical and financial support. The first TAG meeting was on September 3, 2015. The next meeting will be a Stakeholder meeting where the same information will be presented for all Kewaunee County residents on September 22, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Luxemburg Fair Grounds Expo Center.
- b) **UW-Extension – Aerica** discussed Farm Technology Days. Committees are starting to be developed, fund raising has started, and a group of 65-70 went to Dane County Farm Technology Days two weeks ago to get a better understanding of the event.

**8) Other Matters:**

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

Lee Luft handed out a "Non-Resident landowner responsibility" letter in which Jeff Wisnicky did review and asked the LCC / Davina to look over the letter for next month.

**b. DNR Nutrient Balance Summary**

Discussed the new Ag Stats were published and there are 98,000 "TOTAL" animals in Kewaunee County. Nutrient Balance needs to be updated, and we also need to find out how many animals are being shipped out of state to be raised.

**c. Also Discussed Several Questions to be Answered:**

How many people are actually buying bottled water because their water source is unsafe?

What is the scope of the problem?

How can we spend the \$40,000 in both 2016 and 2017?

When is a well unsafe?

**9) Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings:** Tuesday October 13, 2015 at 10:00am; Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 10:00am

**10) Approval of Bills:** Motion to accept the September 8, 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 positive things are happening and great information is being developed to move Kewaunee County forward.

**12) Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Davina Bonness – Kewaunee County, County Conservationist