

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting**  
**Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office October 13, 2015 10:00 AM**  
**Minutes**

**1) Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:00 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; Kewaunee County Board Chairman, Ron Heuer; Brian Maedtke (USDA); and Aeric Bjurstrom (UWEX) were present.

Excused: Clark Riemer

**3) Approval/Repair of Agenda:** Motion to accept the October 13, 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 September 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes:** Motion to accept the September 8, 2015 meeting minutes as presented was made by Bob Garfinkel 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 no public comments.

**6) Department Reports:**

a) *Animal Waste Storage Permits*

Red River Valley Dairy (Chuck Kinnard) – 3 month stacking pad -- \$1,000

b) *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers*

Total Walkovers in September were 13; we are working with a new participant on Nutrient Management and grassed waterways; 2 landowners entered into schedule of compliances due to missing or needing to improve waterways. GIS updated with newly discovered karst features to ensure map accuracy.

c) *Conservation Plans for Approval*

There were three plans for approval including Silver B Farms (Lambrecht); Steven Sevcik; Philip Staats

d) *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates*

--None

e) *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance Update*

Davina Bonness handed out 4 variance requests for spreading and/or stacking locations. The committee discussed each variance. All maps and descriptions will be kept at the Land & Water Conservation Department.

1. Motion to approve Steve Martin's Public Health & Groundwater Ordinance Stacking Variance Request was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Lee Luft. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. Motion to approve Jerry Agamaite's Public Health & Groundwater Ordinance Stacking Variance Request was made by Lee Luft and seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

3. Motion to approve Dave Jauquet's Public Health & Groundwater Ordinance Stacking Variance Request was made by Lee Luft and seconded by Ron Paider. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. Motion to approve Rock LeFerve's Public Health & Groundwater Ordinance Spreading Variance Request was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Lee Luft. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

f) *2016 Proposed Land & Water Budget*

LCC discussed the County Administrator's proposed budget which recommends a 1.0 FTE project position to continue to support the current duties carried out by our intern.

**7) Cooperating Agency Reports:**

- a) **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):** NRCS was unable to attend the meeting
- b) **Brian Maedtke (USDA – Wildlife Specialist) –** Presented 2015 Crop Price Proposal and 2016 Wildlife Abatement & Claims Program budget.

Motion to approve Kewaunee County’s 2015 Crop Price Proposal was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Lee Luft. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Motion to approve Kewaunee County’s 2016 Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program budget was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Lee Luft. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- c) **Steve Hanson (Land Information Office) –** Steve Hanson discussed the need to update both the Kewaunee County Farmland Preservation Plan and Comprehensive Plan. He has contacted both Brandon Robinson at Baylake Regional Planning Commission and Alison Volk at the WI DATCP in regards to these updates. With a total cost of \$30,000, DATCP can cost share 50%, which will leave \$15,000 for Kewaunee County to fund. Steve would be willing to pay the \$15,000 out of the Land Information Fund.

Motion for Steve Hanson to go to the Finance Committee and request to spend Land Information Office Funds up to \$15,000 to pay for Kewaunee County’s Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- d) **UW-Extension –** Aericia discussed Farm Technology Days committees are meeting and planning is underway. Also noted was that Door County hired a new Agricultural Specialist – Annie Deustch.

**8) Other Matters:**

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

LCC discussed Lee Luft’s “Non-Resident landowner responsibility” letter, specifically how many non-resident landowners rent their land, the concern of potentially missing landowners, and how the LCC should or should not take a leadership role in telling landowners about their responsibility. Davina will work with Steve Hanson to get the number of non-resident landowners for next month’s meeting.

**9) Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings:** Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 9:00am; Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 9:00am.

**10) Approval of Bills:** Motion to accept the October 13, 2015 bills as presented was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**11) Chairman’s Wrap-Up Comments:** Chairman Pagel discussed how there was a manure spill last week, but before calling the news and press, make sure all the facts are straight.

**12) Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 AM was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Davina Bonness – Kewaunee County, County Conservationist