

Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office November 10, 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, Ron Paider, Lee Luft, Bob Garfinkel

Absent: Clark Riemer

LWCD and Cooperating Agency Staff present: County Conservationist, Davina Bonness; Kewaunee County Board Chairman, Ron Heuer; County Board Supervisor, Gary Paape; Joe Johnson (NRCS); LCC advisor, Tom Konop, and Aerica Bjurstrom (UWEX) were present.

3) Approval/Repair of Agenda: Motion to accept the November 10, 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 October 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept the October 13, 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 eight (8) public comments that discussed the following topics; (1) LCC needs to take on a greater role of leadership to improve soil loss and manure handling; (2) landowner letter should be addressed at the next LCC meeting; (3) discuss volunteer well testing statistics because an email was sent referencing 3.79% of wells are unsafe; (4) EPA reports should be kept in LWCD and released to the public; and (5) all manure spills need to be discussed at LCC meetings.

6) Department Reports:

a) *Animal Waste Storage Permits*

Sam Kinnard – 3 month stacking pad -- \$1,000

b) *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers*

Total Walkovers in October were 13 of which 6 are fully in compliance with NR151, and 6 have been entered into a Compliance schedule and 1 has received a recommendation for a Manure Storage/ Barnyard. Reasons for compliance schedule include reconstruction of Grassed Waterways and Tillage Setbacks from surface water; all compliance schedules are to be complete by December of 2016.

c) *Conservation Plans for Approval*

There were 2 plans for approval including James Steinhorst and David Wisnicky.

d) *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates*

--No NONC

--One Notice of Discharge (NOD) issued by DNR for Larry Dax. A complaint reported cattle in waterway, (which are now fenced out) and barnyard runoff into an adjacent waterway. Landowner is currently working with LWCD to achieve compliance

e) *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance Update*

Davina Bonness handed out three (3) 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 Dave & Dennis Dalebroux'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.

2. Motion to approve Jim Treml'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.

3. Motion to approve Pat Dantoin's Public Health & Groundwater Ordinance Stacking Variance Request was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

7) Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a) **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):** Joe Johnson discussed Cover Crops in Kewaunee County.
- b) **UW-Extension** – Aerica discussed she along with the new Door County Ag Agent are working with cover crops and on implementing new research for both Kewaunee & Door County. In February, she is also be sending out a land rental survey.

8) Other Matters:

1. **Manure Spills:**

Gerald Paape (County Board Supervisor & Town of Ahnapee Chairman) discussed how he was notified late on 11/3/15 regarding a spill in the Township of Ahnapee. This information led to a discussion on how the County LWCD Staff and DNR responded to this spill and how there needs to be an open line of communication between the Townships, LCC, and LWCD regarding DNR reported spills.

2. **Non-Resident Landowner Letter:**

Action Item: Bob Garfinkel and Lee Luft requested that Chairman Pagel put the letter to non-resident landowners on the December 2015 agenda.

A discussion occurred regarding the letter and whether it needed to be voted on by the entire County Board, and that a vote was made in the October 2015 Personnel Committee.

9) Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 9:00am; Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 9:00am.

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

11) Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 AM was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Davina Bonness – Kewaunee County, County Conservationist