

Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office January 5, 2016 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, Clark Riemer

LWCD and Cooperating Agency Staff present: County Conservationist, Davina Bonness; Kewaunee County Board Members, Larry Kirchman, Charles Wagner & Gary Paape; LCC advisor, Tom Konop ; Joe Johnson, NRCS; and Aerica Bjurstrom, UWEX were present.

3) Approval/Repair of Agenda: Motion to accept the January 5th agenda with addition of Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance variance requests under Department Reports was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Lee Luft. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4). Approval/Repair of December 8th, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept the December 8th 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 5 public comments that discussed a landowner who drilled a deeper well now has high nitrates, how plowing in fall should be a banned practice, how people are living with contaminated drinking well water and there should be no spreading on less than 50 feet to bedrock, and how DNR communication is not fast enough when it comes to well MST testing results.

6) Department Reports:

a) *Animal Waste Storage Permits: None*

b) *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers*

Total Walkovers in December were Four (4). Six landowners were entered into compliance schedules due to improper or missing waterways. Letters have been sent and will be working with the landowners to ensure they are properly installed prior to the December 2016 deadline.

Walkovers will resume in Spring 2016.

c) *Conservation Plans for Approval: None*

d) *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates: None*

e) *Motion to Approve Carry Over SWRM Contracts:*

One contract was carried over to 2016; Contract # 15-306, Nutrient Management (David Charles)

Motion to approve SWRM Carry over Contracts from 2015 to 2016 was made by Lee Luft and seconded by Ron Paider. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

f) *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance Update*

Davina Bonness handed out one (1) variance requests for spreading locations. Dennis Kinnard was present and the Land Conservation Committee discussed the variance. All maps and descriptions will be kept at the Land & Water Conservation Department.

1. Motion to approve Dennis Kinnard's Public Health & Groundwater Ordinance One-Time Spreading Variance Request (not to exceed 100,000 gallons on parcel # 31 018 23.03 – roughly 20 acres - and to follow all 590 Nutrient Management Plan restrictions) was made by Lee Luft 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 EQIP funding and how all employees of LWCD should become Certified Conservation Planners.

- b) **UW-Extension:** Aerica discussed an upcoming Husbandry meeting in February (Date TBD) with regards to new updates and how they are looking for volunteers for Farm Technology Days.

8) Other Matters to Discuss (if needed)

New position for a County Conservation Specialist was posted; 10 resumes were received. Interviews of 3 applicants will occur in January.

9) Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 9:00am; March 15, 2016 at 9:00am

10) Approval of Bills: Motion to accept the January 5th, 2016 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:

2016 will bring detailed well testing data and many people and agencies are working together to change the direction of water quality in Kewaunee County.

12) Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50AM was made by Lee Luft and seconded by Ron Paider. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Davina Bonness – Kewaunee County, County Conservationist