

Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office February 9, 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, Charles Wagner & Gary Paape; Kewaunee County Board Chairman Ron Heuer; LCC advisor, Tom Konop ; Joe Johnson, NRCS; and Aericia Bjurstrom, UWEX were present.

3) Approval/Repair of Agenda: Motion to accept the February 9th agenda was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4). Approval/Repair of January 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept the January 5th 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 4 public comments regarding the letter that Dick Swanson is sending to all landowners in Kewaunee County, the DNR/Kewaunee County well water study and the disconnect between EPA, DNR, and the County regarding communication.

6) Department Reports:

- a) *Animal Waste Storage Permits: None*
- b) *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers: Walkovers will resume in Spring 2016.*
- c) *Conservation Plans for Approval: Kevin Swagel and Bruce Schmidt*
- d) *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates: None*
- e) *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance Update*

In house protocol for violations and complaints was completed. The LWCD followed up on about 10 complaints, in which only 2 were in the 20' or less to bedrock area, in which both operators received a written "first violation" letter. A second violation will receive a citation

f) *New Employee Update: Erin Hoff will start on February 15th, 2016.*

Chuck Wagner gave a report on Glacierland RC&D regarding their programs and efforts in the community including grassland farming and grazing initiatives, woodlands conferences, boat inspections for invasive species, and urban forestry projects.

7) Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a) **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):** Joe Johnson explained that NRCS is wrapping up EQIP contracts and that the general CRP sign up is going on. He also discussed (along with Davina Bonness) the recent NRCS TAG meeting that occurred on January 28th. The TAG is currently seeking all the research that is out there regarding surface and groundwater to help set our Desired Future Conditions and Baseline data.
- b) **UW-Extension:** Aericia discussed Farm Tech committees are working hard and that UW-EX is holding a Crop Field day on June 16th with a soil pit at Ebert Farms. More information will come later.
- c) **Brian Maedke** – presented the 2015 Damage Abatement & Claims, 2 claims for 2015.
 - a. Motion to approve the 2015 Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims was made by Lee Luft and seconded by Ron Paider, Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
 - b. 2015 Deer Donation Update – They received 22 deer which was the equivalent of 1200 pounds of meat that was distributed to 3 local pantries.

8) Other Matters to Discuss (if needed)

1. Lee Luft mentioned Bayfield County passed new Ordinances regarding Large Scale Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations and Public Safety.
2. Davina Bonness mentioned she was asked by Mr. Kitchens to testify in Madison regarding AB822 (Well Compensation Program) last Thursday, and she did.
3. A Manure Irrigation Presentation was held at UWGB on February 5th; there should be a full report soon, but a lot of great information was presented.

9) Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: March 15, 2016 at 9:00am & April 12, 2016 at 9:00am

10) Approval of Bills: Motion to accept the February 9th 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:

Mentioned all the good things that are happening especially the new staff member to be starting on Monday.

12) Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:51am was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Davina Bonness – Kewaunee County, County Conservationist