

Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office April 12, 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 Staff present: County Conservationist, Davina Bonness

Kewaunee County Board Members, Gary Paape & Kaye Shillin

Joe Johnson, NRCS ; Aerica Bjurstrom, UWEX

3) Approval/Repair of Agenda: Motion to accept the April 12th agenda was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Lee Luft. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4). Approval/Repair of March 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept the March 15th 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 3 public comments. The first commended Davina Bonness, County Conservationist, for not supporting the spreading of manure before the April 15th deadline, the second was regarding AgroPur and their permit that was recently approved to discharge higher amounts of chloride to the East Twin River, and the third was regarding DNR Conservation Congress which met in Kewaunee County on April 11th.

6) Department Reports:

a) *Animal Waste Storage Permits:* None

b) *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers:* Travis is making appointments and walkovers will resume in Spring 2016. He will also be conducting manure hauling audits as he is in the field.

c) *Conservation Plans for Approval:*
Glen Dufek, Jason Walechka & Jordan Nowak

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

e) *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance Update*

In house protocol for violations and complaints was completed.

Since the last meeting another 4 violations were issued. A second violation was given to Srnka Farms, which resulted in a citation and a fine.

Penny Yelland, Kevin Leferve, and Brent Eisenman were all issued their first Notice of Violations for stacking and or spreading in the Ordinance areas.

Ordinance remains in effect until April 16th, 2016.

7) Cooperating Agency Reports:

a) **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):** Joe Johnson explained that NRCS recently signed contracts for EQIP that included cover crops, CNMPs, and other conservation practices and that NRCS would like to arrange a soil health meeting in the next few weeks to be held at the County Expo Center. NRCS is also working with Farm Tech Days to have demo plots.

b) Aerica Bjurstrom (UWEX) gave some dates/meetings.

- a. Conservation Tour – May 11th for area 6th graders
- b. June 16th – UWEX will be hosting a Field Day at Ebert Enterprises (details to follow)
- c. Career Days at Pagel’s Ponderosa – April 21 & 22 – starting at 9:00am – still need volunteers

8) Other Matters to Discuss (if needed)

1. Lee Luft further discussed the ArgoPur permit approval and did reach out to DNR to discuss why ArgoPur was allowed to have higher discharges of chloride with no outside entities monitoring that discharge. John Pagel said it may be good to have AgroPur attend a meeting and discuss their operation and permit.

9) Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: May 10, 2016 at 9:00am

10) Approval of Bills: Motion to accept the April 12th bills as presented was made by Lee Luft and seconded by Ron Paider. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

11) Chairman’s Wrap Up Comments:

With the change in County leadership, John Pagel expressed that he enjoyed being the LCC chairman and how the past two years the LCC and LWCD have made many positive improvements, especially with hiring an additional staff member. He thanked Bob Garfinkel for his dedication and support since this is Bob’s last LCC meeting.

12) Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 am was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Lee Luft Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Davina Bonness – Kewaunee County, County Conservationist