

Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office June 14, 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, Charles Wagner, & Clark Riemer

LWCD Staff present: County Conservationist, Davina Bonness

Kewaunee County Board Chair Robert Weidner, and County Board Members Gary Paape, Mary Ellen Dobbins & Larry Kirchman

Joe Johnson NRCS

3) Approval/Repair of Agenda: Motion to approve the June 14th agenda was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Chuck Wagner. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4) Approval/Repair of May 10th, 2015 Meeting Minutes: One change to the minutes was that Clark Riemer was not in attendance. Motion to accept the May 10th meeting minutes with revision was made by Lee Luft 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 was 6 public comments that discussed (1) concerns with AgroPur's discharge of chlorides in the East Twin; (2) how citizens are concerned with how they keep hearing about innovation and technology but continue to have problems with ground and surface water; (3) the DNR audit and how the County needs to step up and take on more enforcement and compliance; (4) Chapter 23, ban aerial manure spraying, letters to landowners, implement DNR recommendations.

6) Department Reports:

a) *Animal Waste Storage Permits:* None

b) *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers:*

Farmland Compliance Updates for May

Total of 27 compliance reviews and walkovers were completed. Of those completed, 18 were found to be in full compliance of NR 151 and 590 standards, while 8 landowners received schedules of compliance. One was in full compliance but had recommendation for manure storage and barnyard through TRM.

Compliance issues ranged from areas of un-vegetated concentrated flow channels, tillage setbacks from intermittent or navigable streams and a feed pad leachate collection systems not installed. Timelines to achieve compliance varied with severity of the issue and solutions to achieve compliance have been discussed in person to ensure awareness and compliance is met.

Multiple karst features were documented during the walkovers in effort to ensure CCA's have up to date maps with known features. Brief descriptions and locations have been mapped in GIS on the Karst Feature layer and updated layers will be shared with cooperating agencies and Nutrient Management Planners (CCA's).

Erin is currently reviewing all 2016 NMPs submitted to our LWCD office. She has sent out a total of 17 letters in May/June regarding soil tests, covering 37 parcels and 7 producers, 4 different CCAs

c) *Conservation Plans for Approval:* Gary Breitlow, Joseph Salm, Srnka Farms

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

e) *Well Testing June 6th Program:* 129 total samples, 33 wells (25.6%) with coliform bacteria and/or nitrates >10ppm. No e-coli was detected.

f) DNR Workgroup Update:

Davina Bonness will be presenting to the County Board on June 21st ; EPA / DNR workgroup public meeting on June 23rd at 6:00pm at the Luxemburg Fair Expo Center. Alternative Tech group will first meet on June 23rd from 2-5pm

7) Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a) USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): Joe Johnson explained EQIP cover crop sign up ended, bio-reactors and potential nitrates/tile.

- b) Brandon Robinson (BayLake Regional Planning) gave an update on the Kewaunee County Farmland Preservation Plan and the Comprehensive Plan. Gave the LCC handouts for them to review regarding Farmland Preservation Area, and Non-Farming Areas, and asked for the LCC to provide comments.

8) Other Matters to Discuss (if needed)

A. AgroPur Speaker: Ted Winkler & Chris Simon presented on AgroPur and focused on their discharges of chlorides and their onsite Wastewater Treatment Plant.

B. Peninsula Pride Speaker: Don Niles gave a presentation regarding Peninsula Pride Farms, which is a farmer led group covering Ahnapee and Kewaunee River Watersheds in both Kewaunee and Southern Door Counties.

9) Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: July 6, 2016 at 9:00am; August 9, 2016 at 9:00am

10) Approval of Bills: Motion to accept the June 14th bills as presented was made by Chuck Wagner and seconded by Lee Luft, Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

11) Chairman's Wrap Up Comments:

Breakfast on the Farm: Sunday, June 19th, 8-12pm
Thursday, Ebert Enterprises, 1-4pm, Soil Pits

12) Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 am was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Lee Luft. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Davina Bonness – Kewaunee County, County Conservationist