



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC) MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

A. Call to Order

Convene:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 10:01am.

Present:

- **LCC Members:** Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Kristl Laux, Timothy Macho, Dan Stokes & Doug Zellmer
- **LWCD Staff:** Chad Casper, Jody Bezio, Isaac Whiting
- **Other(s) present:** Spencer Stokes, Levi Schultz-NRCS, Chip Lovell-District Supervisor USDA APHIS, Trevor Pike-USDA Wildlife Specialist, Ethan Hollenberger-Assistant to County Executive, Mary Anne Mueller-Corporation Counsel
- **Excused:** Doug Nelson

B. Confirm meeting/agenda has been properly public noticed in accordance with County policy.

Chairman Farrey confirmed with Director Casper that the meeting had been properly public noticed.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. October 3, 2024, Meeting Minutes
A Bohn/Stokes motion to approve the minutes passed 6-0

D. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None.

E. Agency Reports

Levi Schultz-NRCS informed the committee that EQIP applications ended on November 1. The NRCS received 36 applications, the top practices included cover crops, no-till, pollinator plantings, grazing practices, trees, and high tunnels.

F. Director's Report

1. Watershed Specialist
Director Casper introduced Isaac Whiting who is the LWCD's new Watershed Specialist. Whiting has a degree in environmental science and has a background in agriculture; he started in his role on October 28.
2. Conservation Projects
Director Casper informed the LCC that the LWCD has been busy getting projects installed this fall and highlighted recently completed projects including the Ewald barnyard run-off

management and Bohn waste storage closure and wetland scrape.

3. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

Director Casper informed the LCC that the updated storm water plan has been completed. Casper will bill the highway department for 2024 services and complete the reimbursement request for the DNR grant the LWCD received to cover half of the cost of the engineering services provided by Westwood. Moving forward the LWCD will continue to do the Illicit Discharge for the MS4 permit.

4. Cooperative Agreement for Land & Water Conservation Department staff labor reimbursement

Casper informed the LCC of a cooperative agreement he is working on with NRCS and our state organization, WI Land + Water, that will allow the LCC to receive a labor reimbursement for staff time to help the NRCS with some of their programs. Casper stated that a big project the LWCD is helping with is a CMNP/manure pit.

5. 2024 State Land & Water Conservation Board (LWCB) Election

Casper informed the LCC that there are five candidates on the ballot for the State Land & Water Conservation Board. One of the candidates is from our area: Mike Hofberger of Calumet County. Each county can cast one vote, Casper invited the LCC members to give him input by sending him their top three choices from the five candidates by the end of the month.

G. Committee Chair's Report

No report.

H. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Review and Approve the 2024 USDA Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Crop Prices to be used to reimburse the program participants for their Crop Damage and set the 90% Harvest Cut-Off Date

Chip Lovell, District Supervisor USDA Wildlife Services, reviewed the proposed prices for the different commodities affected by wildlife damage. Following a discussion regarding commodity prices, a Zellmer/Bohn motion made to set the price for alfalfa to \$181.80/ton passed 6-0, a Zellmer/Bohn motion made to set the price for alfalfa/grass-mix to \$136.33/ton passed 6-0, a Bohn/Zellmer motion made to set the price for field corn to \$3.90/bushel passed 6-0, a Bohn/Zellmer motion made to set the price for oats to \$3.55/bushel passed 6-0, a Bohn/Stokes motion made to set the price for soybeans to \$9.27/bushel passed 6-0, a Stokes/Bohn motion made to set the price for wheat to \$4.99/bushel passed 6-0. Following a short discussion, a Stokes/Bohn motion to make the 90% cut-off date December 1, 2024 passed 6-0.

2. Review and Approve the 2025 Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Budget

Following a brief review of the proposed USDA and WDNR 2024 WDACP Budget by Chip Lovell, a Zellmer/Bohn motion to approve the budgets as presented passed 6-0.

3. Amend Chapter 13 of the General Code of Winnebago County and the Permit Fee Schedule
Mary Anne Mueller-Corporation Counsel, reviewed the proposed revisions to Chapter 13 of the General Code of Winnebago County and the Permit Fee Schedule. Mueller stated that she was comfortable with the changes, with one exception, that being 9 words added to the penalty provision in Chapter 13.13 (6) and vesting control with the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Committee. Mueller informed

the LCC that there is no statutory authorization for the Land and Water Conservation Committee to approve penalties for people who violate the Winnebago County Livestock Waste Management Ordinance. After a lengthy discussion, a motion by Farrey/Zellmer to remove the words "*with approval from the Winnebago County Land Conservation Committee*" in Chapter 13.13 (6) was approved 6-0.

A Bohn / Zellmer motion to amend Chapter 13 of the General Code of Winnebago County and the Permit Fee Schedule passed 6-0.

The resolution to amend Chapter 13 of the General Code of Winnebago County and the Permit Fee Schedule will be forwarded by the LCC to the County Board of Supervisors for their November meeting.

4. Authorize Winnebago County to enter into a Intergovernmental Government Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of managing an off-shore breakwall project on Lake Winneconne

Chairman Farrey withdrew business item 4 from the agenda as the Intergovernmental Government Agreement is not yet available for review.

5. Action Item - LWCD Spirit Fund Program Cost-Share Agreements (CSAs) – SFP-BMP-24-16, Adam & Emily Stadtmueller Waterway System Project for \$1,260.00, SFP-BMP-24-17, P&Q Oshkosh LLC Waterway System Project for \$1,845.00, SFP-BMP-24-18, Ronald & Linda Wachholz Waterway System & Critical Area Stabilization Project for \$1,741.00, SFP-BMP-24-19, Albright Brothers LLC Water & Sediment Control Basin & Diversion Project for \$17,554.50, SFP-BMP-24-20, Charles & Susan Overton Manure Storage System Closure Project for \$18,596.25, SFP-BMP-24-21, William & Margaret Berdelman Well Abandonment Project for \$1,000.00 & SFP-BMP-24-22, Wayne Krueger Well Abandonment Project for \$795.00

Following a review of the Spirit Fund Program CSAs, a Zellmer / Stokes motion to approve SFP-BMP-24-16, Adam & Emily Stadtmueller Waterway System Project for \$1,260.00, SFP-BMP-24-17, P&Q Oshkosh LLC Waterway System Project for \$1,845.00, SFP-BMP-24-18, Ronald & Linda Wachholz Waterway System & Critical Area Stabilization Project for \$1,741.00, SFP-BMP-24-19, Albright Brothers LLC Water & Sediment Control Basin & Diversion Project for \$17,554.50, SFP-BMP-24-20, Charles & Susan Overton Manure Storage System Closure Project for \$18,596.25, SFP-BMP-24-21, William & Margaret Berdelman Well Abandonment Project for \$1,000.00 & SFP-BMP-24-22, Wayne Krueger Well Abandonment Project for \$795.00 passed 6-0.

6. Review LWCD Project Lists

The LCC reviewed and acknowledged the new projects on the lists.

I. Adjourn

A Stokes / Zellmer motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:24am passed 6-0.