



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC) MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

A. Call to Order

Convene:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:01am

Present:

- **LCC Members:** Bruce Bohn (on Teams), Chuck Farrey, Kristl Laux, Timothy Macho, Doug Nelson, Dan Stokes & Doug Zellmer
- **LWCD Staff:** Chad Casper, Jody Bezio
- **Other(s) present:** Ethan Hollenberger, Assistant to the County Executive, Chris Acy, Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA), David Terral & Tyler Pike, USDA Wildlife Services
- **Absent:** None

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. January 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes
A ZELLMER / NELSON motion to approve the minutes passed 6-0

D. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

E. Agency Reports

None

F. Director's Report

1. Climate-Smart Commodities Grant
Director Casper informed the LCC that the Climate-Smart Commodities Grant is being affected by the current administration freezing federal grant funds. Casper said that there is some uncertainty about the grant, but we are optimistic that it will be cleared. Casper said that we are being directed by the Exec.'s office to proceed with our grant staff and will be having him do more county tasks until this is resolved. Casper stated that this is a three-year grant with two more years remaining.

Casper informed the LCC that there are agricultural equipment funds available with the Climate-Smart Commodities Grant in the region with other counties. Counties are looking at purchasing a no-till drill, low-disturbance manure equipment, and inter-seeders to have

available for producers to use in the region. Casper said that we are considering a no-till drill and are hoping Fond du Lac County will own and store it because, logistically, it would be an ideal location for Winnebago and Calumet County producers. Casper said that if Fond du Lac County can't store and own the equipment, we could explore potential options with Winnebago County.

G. Committee Chair's Report

Chairman Farrey informed the LCC that he has concerns with how the process of setting the agenda for committee meetings is working and that he will add this to a future agenda to discuss the policy of this issue.

H. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Approve/Disapprove Annual Review of the 2024 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP)
David Terrall and Tyler Pike, USDA Wildlife Services reviewed the four 2024 claims submitted for wildlife damage. A Zellmer/Nelson motion was made to approve total payment of \$11,833.48 (Bahn \$4,497.78 Soybeans, Fischer \$750.52 Corn, Mitchell \$3,143.11 Soybeans, Walter \$3,442.07 Soybeans) passed 6-0.
2. Presentation on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), Round Gobies
Chris Acy, Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance presented information to the LCC on the round goby which is an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). The round goby has been confirmed as being present in Little Lake Butte des Morts and the Fox River and is a threat to native fish. There are no confirmed reports of the goby in Lake Winnebago.
3. Resolution: Requesting the Wisconsin State Legislature Reform Land and Water Conservation Practice Permitting within the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
After a lengthy discussion a NELSON/ZELLMER motion to approve the request that the Wisconsin State Legislature reform Land and Water Conservation Practice Permitting within the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was passed 6-0. The request will be forwarded to the County Board.
4. Action Item - Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program (CSAs) – 25-01, Dirk & Debra Kagerbauer Shoreline Protection & Shoreline Habitat Restoration for Developed Areas (SHRUB)
Following a review of the CSAs, a STOKES / ZELLMER motion to approve CSA 25-01, Dirk & Debra Kagerbauer Shoreline Protection & Shoreline Habitat Restoration for Developed Areas (SHRUB) \$13,353.17 passed 6-0.
5. Action Item - LWCD Spirit Fund Program Cost-Share Agreements (CSAs) – SFP-BMP-25-01, Dirk & Debra Kagerbauer Shoreline Protection & Shoreline Habitat Restoration for Developed Areas (SHRUB)
Following a review of the CSAs, a MACHO / STOKES motion to approve CSA SFP-BMP-25-01, Dirk & Debra Kagerbauer Shoreline Protection & Shoreline Habitat Restoration for Developed Areas (SHRUB) \$3,815.19 passed 6-0.
6. Review Land & Water Conservation Department Project Lists
The LCC reviewed and acknowledged the new projects on the lists.

I. Adjourn

A NELSON / ZELLMER motion made to adjourn the meeting at (10:29am) passed 6-0.

