



**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC) MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024**

A. Call to Order

Chairman Farrey called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Present: LCC Members: Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Kristl Laux, Timothy Macho, Doug Nelson, Dan Stokes & Doug Zellmer

LWCD Staff: Chad Casper & Andy Maracini

Others present: Ethan Hollenberger, County Executive Assistant, Levi Schultz, NRCS

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 has been properly public noticed.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Action Item: April 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

A Nelson/Zellmer motion to approve the minutes passed 7-0.

D. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

E. Agency Reports

Levi Schultz, NRCS gave the LCC an overview of their agency and the work being done.

F. Director's Report

1. Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association Meeting

Director Casper informed the LCC that the Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association (LWLWCA) will be having a joint meeting on Friday, June 7 that will include training for committee members. Carpooling is an option. The meeting is in Green Bay and the agenda and registration are not yet available.

2. Livestock Waste Management Ordinance

Director Casper told the LCC that there was not a circuit court appeal submitted regarding the after the fact fee for David and Michelle Stone's livestock facility and lot. The deadline to appeal to the circuit court was April 20th. Casper said that currently, they have not returned calls to schedule a time to issue the permit. The next steps could be citations for \$500 and Casper is consulting with Corp Counsel. Chairman Farrey said it seems logical to pay the after the fact permit fee to avoid potential citations.

Farrey asked if there were any concerns with the ordinance. Farrey has a concern about the timeframe of going back using aerial photos and suggested that he might bring something

forward to address this.

Ethan Hollenberger gave a brief explanation of recodification and major policy decisions.

Casper discussed a potential different fee structure for smaller livestock operations and gave an example of someone with just a few chickens. Casper stated that we could consider having a lower permit fee for smaller livestock operations. Casper passed out a fact sheet to the LCC on the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance.

Farrey shared that he and Casper attended the most recent Towns Unit meeting to educate towns on when a permit may be required.

3. NRDA Grant

Director Casper explained that the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) funds are from the PCB pollution in the Fox River. The funds are used for larger projects like off shore rock breakwalls. Casper said that the NRDA grant proposal for the VanDyke breakwall on Lake Winneconne was submitted and they want to include some tree drops behind the breakwall to create more woody habitat. Bruce Bohn asked about boating safety with the tree drops and Casper explained that this would be done behind the breakwall and should not be a safety concern. Casper said that other grants will be applied for along with using the LWCD Spirit funds.

Kristl Laux asked why breakwalls are not installed on Lake Winnebago. Casper explained the upper pool lakes were historically a larger riverine marsh before the dams were installed in the middle 1800s. Because of this, there are many more opportunities to reestablish the lost lake adjacent wetland on the upper pool lakes vs on Lake Winnebago.

4. MDV Program

Casper explained the Multi Discharger Variance (MDV) Program and said that we requested a one-year extension for the remaining funds and conservation projects will be installed in 2024.

5. Winnebago Waterways & Keepers of the Fox Meeting

Director Casper informed the LCC that a Winnebago Waterways/Keepers of the Fox joint meeting was recently held that local and state elected officials were in attendance. The meeting showcased the great work being done by counties as well as discussing some of the challenges counties face as they work towards improving local water quality. Casper stated that we have been facing challenges with WDNR Water Regs. staff in getting permits for conservation projects. Casper said that the permitting information given to the LWCD from WDNR Water Regs. staff has been very confusing and inefficient. Casper said that a meeting was held on April 24th with WDNR staff, Winnebago County LWCD staff, DATCP and Exec. Doemel to try and find an improved pathway forward with permitting our conservation projects. Casper said that he will keep the LCC informed on progress with the permitting process.

G. Committee Chair's Report

Chairman Farrey thanked the LCC for being elected again as chair. The new LCC members Kristl Laux and Tim Macho introduced themselves.

Farrey said that he has been on this committee for over 22 years of service. Farrey said that this committee and LWCD gets great things done on the land, on the farms, and on the shoreland that benefits everyone in the county.

H. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Discussion: Welcome New LCC Members, Review LCC Information and LWCD Programs and Responsibilities

Director Casper and Chairman Farrey welcomed returning LCC members along with the new LCC members, Timothy Macho and Kristl Laux. Casper explained the roles and responsibilities of the LCC and LWCD. Casper passed out several handouts and showed the LCC an educational video on Chapter 92.

2. Action Item: Approve the LCC monthly meeting time based on the Rules of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors
Pursuant to rule 18.7 of the County Board Rules, a Nelson/Zellmer motion to set the LCC meetings for the first Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. passed 7-0.
3. Report: Report on the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit
Andy Maracini gave the LCC a detailed report on the County MS4 and the required components to be in compliance with the permit. Maracini explained that the permit is held by the Highway Department and that the LWCD is the lead on the implementation and management of the MS4 permit for the County. Maracini described all the working relationships with other county departments along with the WDNR.
4. Action Item: Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program (CSAs) – CSA, 24-04, Ledgerock Dairy, LLC Grassed Waterway Project for \$3,430.00
Following a review of the CSAs, a Nelson/Zellmer motion to approve \$3,430.00 for the Ledgerock Dairy, LLC Grassed Waterway Project passed 7-0.
5. Action Item: LWCD Spirit Fund Program Cost-Share Agreements (CSAs) – SFP-SH-24-05, Dan Hinz Cover Crops & No-Till Practices for \$5,755.62, SFP-SH-24-06, Dan Hinz/Parks Cover Crops & No-Till Practices for \$7,425.06, SFP-SH-24-07, Dan Hinz/Nelson Cover Crops & No-Till Practices for \$10,727.28, SFP-SH-24-08, Matt Ziegenhagen/Shattuck Cover Crops & No-Till Practices for \$8,499.48, SFP-SH-24-09, Matt Ziegenhagen/Moorhead Barr Cover Crops & No-Till Practices for \$2,289.84, SFP-BMP-24-04, Aaron & Tracy Luljak Rain Garden Project for \$1,000.00 & SFP-BMP-24-05, Ledgerock Dairy, LLC Grassed Waterway Project for \$980.00
Director Casper informed the LCC that cost-share agreement SFP-SH-24-09 does not need to be approved because the landowner is no longer interested. Following a review of the CSAs, a Bohn/Stokes motion to approve \$5,755.62 for the Dan Hinz Cover Crops & No-Till Practices, \$7,425.06 for the Dan Hinz/Parks Cover Crops & No-Till Practices, \$10,727.28 for the Dan Hinz/Nelson Cover Crops & No-Till Practices, \$8,499.48 for the Matt Ziegenhagen/Shattuck Cover Crops & No-Till Practices, \$1,000.00 for the Aaron & Tracy Luljak Rain Garden Project & \$980.00 for the Ledgerock Dairy, LLC Grassed Waterway Project passed 7-0
6. Report: Review the LWCD 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 10:45 a.m. passed 7-0.