



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC) MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024**

A. Call to Order

Convene: *The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:00 a.m.*

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: *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 had been properly public noticed.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. May 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

D. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

E. Agency Reports

Levi Schultz, NRCS let the LCC know that no-till field checks are being completed along with CSP Program rankings and accepting applications for other conservation programs.

F. Director's Report

1. Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association

Director Casper reminded the LCC that the LWLWCA meeting is being held in Green Bay on June 7th.

2. Livestock Waste Management Ordinance

Director Casper informed the LCC that a LWMO permit with a variance was issued in 2022 and the landowner has built the livestock facility within the 75 ft. variance setback from the intermittent stream. Casper stated that a letter was recently sent regarding the violation and that he hopes to work with them to get them in compliance with the ordinance.

3. Climate Smart Grant

Director Casper let the LCC know that Eric Betram, Grant Soil Health Specialist, has been making several farm contacts regarding cost-share opportunities for implementing soil health practices. Casper said that there has been a delay from USDA with the grant, but forms and promotional information should be available by early next week.

4. Little Lake Butte des Morts Comprehensive Planning

Director Casper informed the LCC that Phase 1 of a multi phase, multi partner lake management planning effort is underway for Little Lake Butte des Morts. Casper said that the LWCD conducted a shoreline inventory to document and summarize the baseline conditions.

5. GIS Specialist

Andy Maracini announced that his last day with the LWCD is on June 6th. Maracini said that he has appreciated working with the LCC and the LWCD and will miss the relationships he has developed over the years. The LCC and Director Casper thanked Andy for all of his hard work and dedication to the County and wished him well in the next chapter of his life.

G. Committee Chair's Report

No report.

H. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Discuss the proposed conservation practice educational signs to be funded by the Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program

Director Casper reminded the LCC that the annual allocation of up to \$3,000 from the Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program had been approved for information and education practices. Casper reviewed the educational signage for conservation practices along with the prairie treatment system sign and stand at the J.P. Coughlin Center entrance. A Nelson/Zellmer motion to approve the purchase of educational signs passed 7-0.

2. Discuss the \$300,000 Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Grant and the \$165,000 Ducks Unlimited North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Grant
Director Casper informed the LCC that the NRDA Trustee Council has agreed to provide up to \$300,000 of funding for the Van Dyke Breakwall Habitat Restoration Project. Casper said that the Council approved the funds with the agreement that woody habitat would need to be incorporated within the breakwall. Casper said that additional funds were included to cover this expense and that he would be working with Ducks Unlimited and the WDNR on the woody habitat design. Casper let the LCC know that he was short about \$150,000 for the project and recently had discussions with Ducks Unlimited and they agreed to allocate \$165,000 from a NAWCA grant for the Van Dyke breakwall with some of these funds to be used on the Samers Bay breakwall. Casper said all the funding is now secured and the next hurdle will be securing the permits.

3. Discuss potential revisions to the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance and the Permit Fee Schedule

Chairman Farrey explained to the LCC that he feels some amendments are needed to the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance, specifically addressing the "after the fact" permit fee. Director Casper told the LCC that he would like to discuss the current LWMO Permit Fee Schedule to address smaller livestock operations. Casper stated that he would like to see a simplified process with a smaller fee for livestock sites like a chicken coop with a few chickens. After a lengthy discussion, the LCC agreed to try and use animal units to trigger a smaller permit fee. Casper said that he would come back to the LCC in July with some suggestions. Farrey stated that he wants to set a time limit on how far back the LWCD can go for charging an "after the fact" permit fee and suggested 5 years or less. The LCC discussed several options for addressing the "after the fact" permit fee and agreed to move forward with the 5 years or less for this fee. Casper confirmed that a LWMO permit would still be needed regardless of waiving the "after the fact" fee. Farrey stated that we will continue this discussion at the July 11th LCC meeting.

4. Discuss a potential LCC Educational Tour of installed conservation practices
Chairman Farrey discussed the idea with the LCC of having a tour this summer to see conservation projects completed by the LWCD. Supervisor Nelson offered the use of his pontoon boat to tour one or two of the off-shore breakwall projects on Lake Winneconne. Nelson also stated that we could potentially hold the LCC meeting at the

Winneconne Village Hall if necessary. Farrey said to tentatively plan on having an educational tour at the August LCC meeting.

5. Action Item - LWCD Spirit Fund Program Cost-Share Agreements (CSAs) – SFP-BMP-24-04, Jesse & Jacqueline Steiner Wetland Restoration Project for \$2,256.80, SFP-SH-24-09, Olson Farms of Larsen Inc. Cover Crops & No-Till Practices for \$28,200.00 & SFP-CB-24-01, Ryan & Amanda Otto Riparian Buffer Project for \$29,265.00

Following a review of the CSAs, a Zellmer/Nelson motion to approve \$2,256.80 for the Jesse & Jacqueline Steiner Wetland Restoration Project & \$28,200.00 for the Olson Farms of Larsen Inc. Cover Crops & No-Till Practices & \$29,265.00 for the Ryan & Amanda Otto Riparian Buffer Project passed 7-0

6. LWCD Project Lists

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

I. Adjourn

*A **Nelson/Stokes** motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. passed 7-0.*