



**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC) MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 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 Jody Bezio & Brandon Flenz

Others present: Levi Schultz, NRCS, Sidney Oppermann, Harry Silva & Jackie Silva

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. June 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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

D. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Sid Opperman and Town of Algoma residents requested to have an agenda item approved at a future LCC meeting to discuss using Spirit Fund Program funds for a road ditch drainage concern located near Clairville Road and Horseshoe. Chairman Farrey stated that the Winnebago County Highway Department was dealing with this situation. Director Casper said that some of LWCD conservation projects do help with drainage, but there has to be a water quality benefit. Casper also said that the LWCD does not do conservation projects in regard to road ditching and that this would be the Highway Department's jurisdiction for a county road. Farrey thanked the Town of Algoma residents for their comments.

E. Agency Reports

Levi Schultz, NRCS stated that field checks are being completed along with ongoing sign-ups for EQIP.

F. Director's Report

1. GIS Specialist

Director Casper informed the LCC that the GIS Specialist position has been filled by Adam Sattler and he will begin on July 29, 2024.

2. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit

Director Casper let the LCC know that the Stormwater MS4 Model draft is complete and should be finalized by the end of July. Casper stated that in 2025 an engineering firm may do the overall MS4 permit management for the county instead of the LWCD due to increased workload and staff changes.

3. **Livestock Waste Management Ordinance**
Director Casper let the LCC know that a landowner that created a livestock lot within a channel (surface water) has reseeded it to grass and is now in compliance with the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance.

Casper also stated that another ordinance violation was due to a farm that created 7 livestock lots and had a large pile of manure adjacent to a wetland. The LWCD sent letters in an attempt to address the situation and finally connected with a new owner of the site while in the field. Casper said that the new owners are cleaning up all the manure and will only have two horses on pasture away from the wetland and will be in compliance with the ordinance.
4. **2025 LWCD Budget**
Director Casper informed the LCC that he is currently working on the 2025 LWCD budget and will present it to them in September or October.
5. **State Land and Water Conservation Board**
Director Casper told the LCC that anyone who is interested in running for the Land & Water Conservation Board to let him know. Casper said that this is a two-year term and some of their duties are to review LWRM plans along with recommending how DATCP should allocate funds to the counties.
6. **Land Conservation Committee Handbook**
Director Casper distributed the LCC handbooks to the committee members.

G. Committee Chair's Report

Chairman Farrey informed the LCC on 7/12/24 the WCA Agriculture, Environment and Land Use Steering Team Committee Meeting is being held here at JPCC at 10am. Farrey said that agenda items include Wake Boat Regulations discussion and Director Casper will also be presenting the Spirit Fund Program.

Farrey also discussed details on the August LCC educational tour. The LCC agreed to have the meeting at the Winneconne Village Hall Building and conduct the boat tour after.

H. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. **Report on the Ewald Barnyard Runoff Control System and Milking Center Waste Control System Project**
Brandon Flenz gave the LCC a detailed presentation on the Barnyard Runoff Control System and Milking Center Waste Control System Project at the Ewald farm. The LCC thanked Flenz for his informative report.
2. **Discuss potential revisions to the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance and the Permit Fee Schedule**
Director Casper summarized the proposed revisions to the LWMO Permit Fee Schedule and distributed a document explaining what 0.2 animal units would look like for the reduced permit fee. Chairman Farrey and Casper reviewed all the current proposed revisions to the LWMO and will continue to gather input and suggestions from the LCC. Farrey stated that we will continue the LWMO revision discussion at the September LCC meeting.
3. **Review and Discuss the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDLs) and the Phosphorus Load Reductions in the 303(d) Impaired Winnebago System**
Chairman Farrey explained that there is a substantial cost for sanitary districts to update their wastewater treatment plants in order to meet the TMDL requirements. Farrey stated that we are all working towards TMDL reductions in the region and that there have been many conservation practices installed over the years. Farrey is wondering why we have not seen a progress report from the WNDR to see if all these efforts are starting to improve water

quality. Director Casper said that there is some minimal water quality monitoring currently being done on the rivers and lakes in the county. Casper explained that we are not close to the 40% pollutant reductions yet and investments in extensive monitoring will not be done until we get closer to the TMDL goals. Farrey said that he will continue to look into this and keep the LCC informed.

4. Action Item - LWCD Spirit Fund Program Cost-Share Agreements (CSAs) – SFP-BMP-23-08 (Amendment), Melvin & Lois Selle Grassed Waterway Project for \$2,122.47, SFP-BMP-24-07, Jeremy & Katelyn Halfman Wetland Restoration Project for \$1,872.50, SFP-CB-24-01 (Amendment), Ryan & Amanda Otto Riparian Buffer Project for \$9,030.00, SFP-SH-24-10, Dean Krenke Cover Crop Practices for \$8,752.32, Dean Krenke/Kirk Krenke Cover Crop Practices for \$1,645.92 and Dean Krenke/Jerel Krenke Cover Crop Practices for \$937.44
Following a review of the CSAs, a Zellmer/Stokes motion to approve \$2,122.47 for the Melvin & Lois Selle Grassed Waterway Project, \$1,872.50 for the Jeremy & Katelyn Halfman Wetland Restoration Project, \$9,030.00 for the Ryan & Amanda Otto Riparian Buffer Project, \$8,752.32 for the Dean Krenke Cover Crop Practices, \$1,645.92 for the Dean Krenke/Kirk Krenke Cover Crop Practices and \$937.44 for the Dean Krenke/Jerel Krenke Cover Crop Practices passed 7-0
5. Action Item - Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program (CSAs) – 23-10 (Amendment), Melvin & Lois Mae Selle Grassed Waterway Project for \$7,428.63
Following a review of the CSAs, a Nelson/Zellmer motion to approve \$7,428.63 for the Melvin & Lois Selle Grassed Waterway Project passed 7-0
6. Review LWCD Project Lists
The LCC reviewed and acknowledged the new projects on the lists.

I. Adjourn

A Nelson/Macho motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 passed 7-0.