



**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC) MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024**

A. Call to Order

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

Present:

- **LCC Members:** *Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Kristl Laux, Timothy Macho, Doug Nelson, Dan Stokes & Doug Zellmer*
- **LWCD Staff:** *Chad Casper, Jody Bezio, Adam Sattler*
- **Other(s) 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. August 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes
A Zellmer/Macho motion to approve the minutes passed 7-0

D. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

E. Agency Reports

Levi Schultz, NRCS stated that sign-ups for EQIP are ongoing. Schultz reported that he presented the NRCS rainfall simulator at a soil health field day held at the Shane Kallas farm on 8/27/24. Schultz said that the field day was held in partnership with LWCD, NRCS and Extension.

F. Director's Report

1. Conservation Projects, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Permitting
Director Casper let the LCC know that there has been communication and meetings scheduled with the WDNR regarding permitting issues at the local and regional level. Casper said that the WDNR Water Regs. staff were questioning ownership of the breakwall on Lake Winneconne. Casper said that we have been installing breakwalls for almost 30 years and is not sure why these issues are now coming up, but a meeting is scheduled in two weeks to discuss a path forward with the WDNR Secretary Director, Bureau Director and the Regional Supervisor. Casper said that a conservation easement may be needed to secure the permit.

Casper said that many counties, conservation partners and landowners are struggling with WDNR permitting right now.

2. Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association Meeting
Director Casper reminded the LCC that the LWLWCA meeting is being held in Marquette County on September 20th.
3. GIS Specialist & Watershed Specialist Positions
Director Casper announced that Watershed Specialist Emily Dufeck submitted her resignation and her last day is September 13th. Casper stated that Dufeck is leaving to change careers; Dufeck has been LWCD's Watershed Specialist for two years and has been instrumental in developing the LWCD's producer-led group. Casper stated that he will be reviewing applications with HR this week.

Director Casper introduced Adam Sattler who started as the LWCD GIS Specialist on July 29. Adam Sattler shared that his early career history included working for Outagamie Land & Water Conservation and he is excited to be returning to conservation work in Winnebago County. The LCC welcomed Sattler to the LWCD team.
4. October Land Conservation Committee Meeting
Director Casper informed the LCC that there may be a public hearing in regards to the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance revisions before the October LCC meeting.

G. Committee Chair's Report

None

H. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Review a Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant
Director Casper informed the LCC that the Muddy Bottom Farmers are applying for a second Producer-Led Grant for 2025. The grant funds would be allocated towards expanding the producer-led group in the Rat River Watershed including a research project to determine ROI comparing fields utilizing soil health practices with fields utilizing traditional farming methods. Grant funds will also be utilized to complete modeling of potential conservation buffer locations as well as continuing to fund field days, workshops, and I & E materials. The LWCD will again be the collaborator and the fiscal agent for the grant in 2025. Chairman Farrey informed the committee that the grant will be included in the county budget as revenue and expense for approval.
2. Review revisions to the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance and the Permit Fee Schedule
Director Casper and Chairman Farrey stated that they reviewed the proposed revisions to the LWMO and Permit Fee Schedule with Corporation Counsel and separately with DATCP. Farrey stated that additional revisions were made to adopt language from DATCP's model ordinance and Casper explained that several of the revisions suggested by DATCP included adding references to technical standards. Farrey and Casper reviewed all the current proposed revisions to the LWMO with the committee.

Farrey stated that the next step is to hold a public hearing to gather additional input on the proposed revisions to the LWMO. After a discussion, the tentative date for a public hearing is set for October 3rd at 9:00am with the next LCC meeting to follow at 10:00am (tentatively). Farrey stated that any additional revisions generated from input at the public hearing will be incorporated and then presented at the November LCC meeting for a final committee review; following approval by the LCC the proposed revisions to the LWMO will be forwarded to the County Board for review and approval.

3. Action Item - LWCD Spirit Fund Program Cost-Share Agreements (CSAs) – SFP-SH-24-13, V Jay Potratz, LLC No-Till & Cover Crop Practices for \$25,896.06, SFP-BMP-24-09, Quinn & Kathryn Barrington, Well Abandonment Project for \$778.75 & SFP-BMP-24-10, Harvey & Leah Meyer, Wetland Restoration Project for \$2,120.00

Following a review of the CSAs, a Bohn/Zellmer motion to approve SFP-SH-24-13, V Jay Potratz, LLC No-Till & Cover Crop Practices for \$25,896.06, SFP-BMP-24-09, Quinn & Kathryn Barrington, Well

Abandonment Project for \$778.75 and SFP-BMP-24-10 Harvey & Leah Meyer, Wetland Restoration Project for \$2,120.00 passed 7-0.

4. Action Item - Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program (CSAs) – 24-06, Eric B. & Michelle A. Van Dyke Liv. Tst. Shoreline Protection Project for \$20,000.00 & 24-07, Harvey & Leah Meyer, Wetland Restoration Project for \$5,300.00

Following a review of the CSAs, a Zellmer/Nelson motion to approve 24-06, Eric B. & Michelle A. Van Dyke Liv. Tst. Shoreline Protection Project for \$20,000.00 and 24-07, Harvey & Leah Meyer, Wetland Restoration Project for \$5,300.00 passed 7-0.

5. Review 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 10:27am passed 7-0.