

MINUTES
Land Conservation Committee Meeting
Date: February 14, 2013

1. Meeting called to order at: 1:00 pm, Iowa County Courthouse Old County Board Room, Upstairs Annex.

2. Present: Bob Bunker, Dave Ladd, Dan Nankee, Roger Dax, Ron Benish, and Greg Parman.

Absent: John Meyers.

Others Present: Jim McCaulley (LCD), Andy Walsh (NRCS), Debi Finkelmeyer (LCD), Rob Hemling (LCD), Dave Terrill (APHIS), Mike Peterson (Barneveld Village President), Scott Godfrey (Planning & Dev), Curt Kephart (Administrator), Matt Allen (Corp Counsel), Tom Pinch (Village of Highland President), Craig Ramsden, Mark Palan.

Notice of Meeting Certification:

Motion to accept by: Ron Benish.

Seconded by: Dan Nankee.

Additions to agenda: Move Item #4, Birch Lake Update above Blackhawk Lake Issues.

Motion to accept by: Ron Benish.

Seconded by: Dan Nankee.

MEETING NOTES: Nothing to report.

3. APHIS Issues

Discussion on the 2012 Claim Summary, 16 participants and 6 claims were filed. There were 4 harvest waivers.

Motion made by Ron Benish to approve claims for 2012. Seconded by Dan Nankee. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greg Parman to approve 4 harvest waivers. Seconded by Roger Dax. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dan Nankee to set crop price reimbursement for apples. Seconded by Roger Dax. Motion carried.

4. Birch Lake Update

Mike Peterson, Village of Barneveld President gave an update as to the park needing some improvements, etc. He has asked the Land Conservation Committee to write a letter of recommendation to the DNR to allow some land to be annexed into the Village.

Motion made by Roger Dax to have Jim McCaulley write the letter of support on behalf of the Land Conservation Committee. Seconded by Ron Benish. Motion carried.

5. Blackhawk Lake Issues

This was to clarify the roles of the parties involved and how the Composition of the Lake Commission is made up. People within the Townships expressed interest in having representation on the board. The Villages were open to the idea of consideration of qualified candidates.

Motion made by Greg Parman for the Villages and Townships to work together for a resolution and report back to the Committee in 4 months. Seconded by Roger Dax. Motion carried.

6. LWRM Project Approvals/Payments and Other Information

Greg Parman moved to accept, approve and make payments for projects completed. Seconded by Ron Benish. Motion carried.

7. WLWCA Conference Follow Up

The WLWCA Conference is set for March 11-13 in Wisconsin Dells. Registration forms were turned in at the end of the meeting.

8. WLI/FPP Items

We asked that there be a policy on people who state they didn't receive the self certification form and also a policy on if they do not pay the late filing fee when self certification is returned late.

Motion made by Roger Dax to charge people who say they didn't receive the self certification unless we have an incorrect address. Seconded by Ron Benish. Motion carried.

Motion made by Roger Dax to not accept the self certification and return the form until payment is made. Seconded by Ron Benish. Motion carried.

9. Iowa Co Land & Water Res. Management Plan Extension

A 2013 Iowa County Land and Water Resource Management Plan Extension Matrix was submitted for approval.

Motion made by Ron Benish to approve the matrix. Seconded by Dan Nankee. Motion carried.

10. LCD Staff Update

Rob Hemling started January 14th as the Technician/Planner replacing Lucas Conmey. He previously worked for Ag Source Lab for 2 years doing Nutrient Management Planning. He will be partnering with NRCS, DATCP and other agencies for training.

11. NRCS Update

Andy Walsh gave an update on FY12 EQIP obligations. Currently NRCS has a Driftless Area Landscape Conservation Initiative (DALCI) sign up through March 15, 2013. Contact the NRCS office or visit www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov for more information.

12. Thursday Notes

See attached bulletin.

13. Other Business

No comments.

14. Comments from Committee Members

No comments.

15. Set Date and Location of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Land Conservation Department's conference room.

Motion made by Roger Dax to accept date and location. Seconded by Dave Ladd. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Roger Dax. Seconded by Dave Ladd. Motion carried.