

MINUTES
Land Conservation Committee Meeting
Date: June 14, 2012

1. Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm

2. Present: Bob Bunker, Dave Ladd, Dan Nankee, John Meyers, and Greg Parman

Absent: Roger Dax, Ron Benish

Others Present: Jim McCaulley, Lucas Connery

Notice of Meeting Certification:

Motion to accept by: John Meyers

Seconded by: Greg Parman

Additions to agenda: Retrum/Taylor CREP Buyout, EDEP Report, LCC composition make up, Grazing Broker Update, Officer's Elect in August.

MEETING NOTES: Agenda will look different listing action items first and FYI info second.

3. FPP Update

2011 Self Certifications done. Approximately 128 dropped out. Office personnel divided up the 2012 farm visits

4. FPP Compliance Policy

Policy to allow a one year grace period to get back into compliance. Decision was made to send a letter of non-compliance to landowners if self certification form was not returned in 2nd mailing.

Motion to allow 1 year grace period made by Greg Parman, Second by John Meyers - Motion Carried

Motion to send out letters of non-compliance if self certification is not returned after 2nd mailing was made by Greg Parman, Second by Dave Ladd - Motion Carried

5. PL-566 Update

Six dams checked by Engineer and other 6 will get technical review. All dams to be mowed this year. The dams are in good shape and taken good care of.

6. USDA/LCD Location Update

Owner of the building did not bid on USDA space needs. Pretty sure that the LCD will be moving from the building. Office personnel will talk to bidder to see if there will be space for LCD with the USDA.

7. Update on LTE Staffing

Nancy Mueller will be filling in for Tammy 2 days per week on Monday & Friday.

Motion to approve LTE made by Dan Nankee, Second by John Meyers – Motion Carried

8. NRCS Update

Mention of a CRP sign-up

9. Senator Kohl's Letter

A nice letter was sent from Senator Kohl.

10. Pioneer Farm Report

Discovery Farms – Heisner Dairy. 11 different studies were conducted.

11. Blackhawk Lake Update

Delay – Dave Ladd showed a letter to a County Board Member about Blackhawk Lake being a recreation wildlife area.

12. LWRM Project Approvals/Payments

Total cost of LWRM projects contracted this time is \$37,058.68 with cost share portion being \$30,187.

Motion to accept LWRM Project approvals/payments made by Greg Parman, Second by John Meyers – Motion Carried

13. Thursday Notes

Southern area field event planned. Jim will let LCC know the date.

14. Other Business

Retrum/Taylor CREP Reimbursement – Interest money in segregated account (\$4,606)

EDEP Report – Jim McCaulley shared report

LCC Composition – Extra member could be added

Grazing Broker – Try to keep grazing, not grassland broker – DATCP/DNR and others support effort.

15. Comments

Dave Ladd commented on letter about County Farm building repairs.

16. Set Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Thursday, August 9 at 5:30 pm at Blackhawk Lake

Motion to accept – John Meyers seconded by – Greg Parman

-Motion carried.