MINUTES
Land Conservation Committee Meeting
Date:  February 10, 2011

1. Meeting called to order at: 5:03 pm


Absent:

Others Present:  Dave Terrell(APHIS), Jim McCaulley, Lucas Conmey, Andy Walsh

Notice of Meeting Certification:
Motion to accept by:  Ron Benish
Seconded by:  Dan Nankee

Approval of agenda and minutes of previous meeting by:
Motion to accept by:  Ron Benish
Seconded by:  Dan Nankee

Additions to agenda:  Contribution agreement.  Appointment to SW Badger RC & D. WLI new participant, WLI state position in budget.

MEETING NOTES:

3. APHIS Claims – Dave Terrill
Provided Wildlife Damage Claims summary report for 2010.  There was discussion about Deidre Birmingham – high claim.  5 out of 6 claims were due to wildlife damage with the exception of David Perkins, which was based on wheat prices.  Claims payments come from hunter's license fees.

Motion approve – John Meyers  Second by – Bill Grover
– Motion carried.

4. NRCS Report – Andy Walsh
EQIP & WHIP closed with $700,000 in applications.  Projected was $500,000 which will be contracted.  CRP sign up is March 15th.
5. Village of Barneveld Grant Request for Birch Lake
   Support, not financial, for Birch Lake grant investigation.
   
   Motion approve – Ron Benish   Second by – John Meyers
   – Motion carried

6. LWRM Cost-Share Limits
   Request to increase limit per year from $3500 to $4000. Request for a
   two year batch increase limit of $8,000. Discussion about budget
   restraints.
   
   Motion approve – Rob Benish   Second by – Bill Grover
   – Motion carried, Obstan – Dan Nankee

7. State Policies and Mandates – WLI & LWRM Cost Share
   Jim McCaulley replied and explained that we have no mandates.
   
   Motion approve – Bill Grover   Second by – Ron Benish
   – Motion carried

8. WLI Township meetings – SWTC Ag Report
   Lucas Conmey & Jim McCaulley reported on the meetings.

9. WALCE - Employee Conference
   Jim, Lucas, and Mark will be attending the WALCE employee
   conference on March 2, 3, & 4.
   
   Motion approve – Ron Benish   Second by – Dan Nankee
   – Motion carried

10. Closed Session

11. Open Session
    Go into open session
    
    Motion approve – Bill Grover   Second by – Ron Benish
    – Motion carried

12. Thursday’s Notes

13. Other Business
   S.W. Badger RC & D meeting in Iowa County
   WLI new participant – Dave Marshall
14. **Comments from Committee Members**  
National Walnut Council meeting/field day in the end of July at Dave Ladd and Harold Manhardt farms.

15. **Set Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment**  
*April 14th at 7:00 pm in the LCD office*

  Motion to accept - Ron Benish, seconded by – Art Whitford  
- Motion carried.