

MINUTES
Land Conservation Committee Meeting
Date: October 13, 2011

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

2. Present: Bob Bunker, Dave Ladd, Dan Nankee, Art Whitford, and Ron Benish, John Meyers

Absent: Bill Grover

Others Present: Carol Anderson, Jim Griffiths, Andy Walsh, Jim McCaulley, Lucas Conmey, Buck Holmes, Rod Guard, Al Kosharek, Mike Eggers, Ed Weaver, and Dave Terrall

Notice of Meeting Certification:

Motion to accept by: Dave Ladd

Seconded by: Art Whitford

Additions to agenda: Agenda by Ron Benish & Dan Nankee passed with moving item #9 to 2A. No other additions to agenda

MEETING NOTES:

2A. BHL Policies

Item moved from #9. Jim McCaulley gave summary of Blackhawk Lake history, managers, and bylaws. Spoke about Johnson & Block Audit. LCC visits Blackhawk Lake once per year. Ask for #1. Better annual report #2. Send Blackhawk Lake agendas to County Clerk for posting. Audit changes deposits daily and no pre-signed checks. Let Roxie, Curt, & Greg Kluesendorf know. Other items: Spending limits need to be looked at, borrowing should be limited (there has been no borrowing since Buck took over). Need to address borrowing. Carol Anderson will assist Buck on Annual Report. Buck said Blackhawk Lake is trying to comply with every order, it was agreed and the Blackhawk Lake commission is open to suggestions, but a one-man operation is hard to make timely deposits. Jim Griffiths said insurance limits may be low and the memories are short and documentation is short on some practices. Jim Griffiths spoke on Administrative Services Committee discussion on \$5,000 borrow limit and other items from September Administrative Services Minutes. Carol Anderson responded to Jim to read Blackhawk Lake Minutes from September 14. Jim McCaulley summarized after lengthy

discussion by Griffiths. Jim McCaulley said 1. Spending limit (borrowed) 2. Insurance limit 3. Update State Statute number in bylaws. Long discussion on dams and economic activity. Ron Benish made a motion to amend bylaws to change Blackhawk Lake Commission to come to the County Board only if they borrow in excess of \$10,000. Seconded by John Meyers. Subsequently Ron Benish and John Meyers added updating to current statute number passed.

3. LCD Staff Update

More responsibilities plus a 50% position. Interviewing now to fill position. 100% June-August and two 8 hour day weekly. No action

4. LWRM Project Approval/Payments

A list of 2011 projects was presented for approval. A list of payments made on 2010 extension & 2011 projects was presented.

Motion approve – Ron Benish Second by – John Meyers
Abstain – Dan Nankee
– Motion carried

5. Self-Certification Mailing

Jim explained that 711 letters are going out. Send out by November 15. No action

6. Green Sheet

Changes of condensed sign up is driving the need for an LCD newsletter. Sign up overlap with Feds. Try to get better coverage.
Motion approve – Ron Benish Second by – Jim Meyers
– Motion carried

7. LWRM Cost-Share sign up

Covered under the Green Sheet item #6. January – February 2012 sign up period.

8. APHIS Issues – Dave Terral

Dave gave summary on wildlife damages (No deer donations). Talked about getting processor for Iowa County deer.

Motion to approve budget – John Meyers Second by – Dave Ladd
– Motion carried

Talked about prices for commodities-for damages. Adjusted soy beans to \$11.80

Motion approve prices of commodities – Dan Nankee
Second by – Art Whitford
– Motion carried

10. WLWCA Annual Conference

Jim asked LCC members to save the December 8th date to attend.

11. Vehicle Use

Jim explained. No move with NRCS sharing when compliance visits are made. No action

12. Thursday Notes

Nutrient Management cost sharing is projected (now) to be down from initial State budget estimates.

13. Other Business

Dave Ladd reported on Youth Day, etc.

14. Comments from Committee Members

None

15. Set Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Thursday, December 8th at 5:30 pm at LCD office

Motion to accept – Ron Benish seconded by – Dan Nankee
-Motion carried.