

# **Land Conservation Committee Meeting**

## **Date: February 11, 2010**

**1. Meeting called to order at:** 5:01 pm

**2. Present:** Carol Anderson, Art Whitford, Diane McGuire, Bob Bunker, Larry Steffes, Dave Ladd, John Meyers

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** Andy Walsh, Jim McCaulley, Dave Terrill, Ed Weaver, Dan Curren, Eric O'Keefe, Lucas Conmey

**Notice of Meeting Certification:**

Approved by Bob Bunker, seconded by John Meyers. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda and minutes of previous meeting by:**

Approved by John Meyers, seconded by Bob Bunker. Motion carried.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

- Meyers asked that an item be added to the LCC for a vote to advance the "Building Petition" to the County Board contingent on legal opinion as to all LCC members right to vote – Chair Steffes did not allow items to be added to LCC agenda

**MEETING NOTES:**

**3. WLWCA Legislative Issues**

**4. APHIS Issue**

Dave Terrill presented 2009 damage claims.

**5. WLI (Working Lands Initiative) Update**

Lucas Conmey presented an update, LCD will be working with zoning on informational meetings in April.

**6. FPP Cards and Master List Update**

Historical list shows 1150, cards returned are 1000 and DATCP report shows 940 participants. A decision will be made by staff as to which list will be presented to DATCP for the WLI mailing.

**7. LWRM Update**

Motion to approve presented projects for approval by John Meyers, seconded by Bob Bunker. Motion carried.

## **8. 2010 DATCP Preliminary Allocation Update**

\$108,476 Staff, \$62,926 LWRM and \$4,064 NMP

DATCP may be able to contribute more for staffing and support.

## **9. Employee/Staff Update**

Alice Vogel's last day was December 30, 2009. Lucas was in attendance for any questions. Jim will be doing some 4 month assessments with Mark and Lucas and will be setting measurable goals for the year.

## **10. NRCS Update/Issues**

Andy has one person spending a day a week helping with filing, etc. Reminder EQIP Signup deadline is 2/19 and Organic EQIP Signup deadline is 3/12.

## **11. LCD/FSA Space Issues**

USDA/FSA Lease (of which LCD sub-leases under) will run out at the end of March. LCD Future space issues will need to be discussed. Current rent is \$11,736.26 per year including postage, telephone and computer access. USDA leases are for 5 years and will continue to lease at the same rate until a contract is established. NRCS owns all landowner files and LCD shares them, co-location is very important. What will LCD have to do when the new building is built?

John Meyers presented the letter to Larry Steffes in regards to the new Health and Human Services Building. Discussed the space on the proposed building. Never received operational cost information on the new building. Continuing maintenance issues. It has been revealed that the heating system units are being changed in the potential building. Dave said he would sell the County his building.

## **12. Annual Report/Newsletter**

The LCD will try to partner newsletter and annual report. The plan is to do an abbreviated annual report and publish it in the newsletter and also will be possibly posted on the website. Bob Bunker moved to approve merging the newsletter and annual report and partnering with zoning, USDA and UW-Extension, seconded by Diane McGuire. Motion carried.

## **13. Thursday's Note**

## **14. Other Business**

## **14. Comments from Committee Members**

Thanked Larry and Diane for their service as they will be leaving the County Board after the Spring Election.

**15. Set Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment**

April 8, 2010 at 7pm

Motion to adjourn by John Meyers, seconded by Diane McGuire.

Motion carried.

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