

Land Conservation Committee Meeting

Date: February 12, 2009

1. Meeting called to order at: 5pm

2. Present:

Bob Bunker, Dave Ladd, Art Whitford, John Meyers, Larry Steffes, Carol Anderson

Absent:

Diane McGuire

Others Present:

Jim McCaulley, Ben Zwiefelhofer, Dave Tarrel, Randy Terronez

Notice of Meeting Certification:

Motion to accept by Bob Bunker, seconded by John Meyers.
Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda and minutes of previous meeting by:

Motion to accept by John Meyers, seconded by Dave Ladd.
Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

MEETING NOTES:

3. WLWCA Legislative Issues

There will be a Conservation Lobby Day in Madison on February 25th in Madison and Jim and Dave plan to attend. Also keep your ear on the "stimulus" stuff.

4. FPP Report

In the first FPP mailing 1160 cards were sent out. Of those 19 cards are still out, these names will be added to the 2009 farm visit list, which has 280 farms on it. In 2008 there were 249 visits. A motion was made to accept the two 2 voluntary non-compliance notices, Frank Cenite and Shirley Flesch, by Carol Anderson. Seconded by John Meyers, motion carried.

5. LWRM Report

This year was successful in utilizing the \$62,000 for 2008. We are expecting another \$62,000 for cost sharing in 2009. For the

nutrient management cost sharing in 2009 the County is receiving only \$8,000.

6. LCD Job Sharing

Jim shared information regarding the job sharing with Alice and the Clerk of Courts. LCD will partner on this but have asked it will be limited to 3-4 days per month and they will give 30 days notice when possible.

7. Employee Performance Reviews

Have completed Alice's, will hopefully complete others by the end of March.

8. LWRM Projects for Approval

Motion to accept by Dave Ladd, seconded John Meyers. Motion carried.

9. 2008 DATCP Annual Report

Required by statute. Budgeted for \$700-\$800, same format as years past. Will publish in Chronicle/AdVisor by the end of March.

10. Land and Water Conservation Southern Region Report by DATCP

85% meets "T" in Iowa County. About \$1.5M from DATCP to landowners in tax credits.
10 Square miles came out of CRP and into row crops.

11. Farmers Appreciation Day Help

6:30 pm Meeting this evening – looking for leadership.

12. Dues Discussion

Art Whitford moved to approve dues for Southwest Badger \$50, PL566 \$45, National Association of Conservation Districts \$50, WI Land and Water Association \$974.19. Seconded by Bob Bunker, motion carried.

13. APHIS Issues – Dave Tarrel

Dave Tarrel updated, handed out claim summary.
John Meyers moved to waive harvest requirement for Batz and Day, seconded by Art Whitford. Motion carried.
Bob Bunker moved to approve all payments, except Peck. Seconded by Art Whitford.
2008 Total paid \$15,717.

14. WBI Project

WI Buffer Initiative has selected the Smith-Connely Watershed in Iowa County to do some electronic monitoring so that it can

compare watersheds in Iowa and Dane counties. Dane County is developing practices, but Iowa County water is actually higher quality, so WBI wants to do additional land use work. Monsanto gave funds for further work so Dane and Iowa County are collaborating, the perimeters are being developed. John Meyers moved to engage in this partnership, Bob Bunker seconded. Motion carried.

15. LCC Meeting Schedule

Discussed frequency of meetings. Concern is approval of projects and how that will be handled. The LCC will try every other month schedule for 12 months and Randy and Jim will meet monthly or on demand for approvals of projects and payments for LWRM and payments shall be shared at the LCC meetings. Bob Bunker made a motion to have bi-monthly meetings, seconded by John Meyers. Motion carried.

16. Thursday's Notes

17. Other Business

WALCE Annual Conference will be held February 18-20 in Green Bay. Cyndi is Co-Chair of the committee. Alice will be in the office but all others will be attending.

Interdepartmental charge for insurance cost. John Meyers made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Bob Bunker. Motion carried.

From NRCS Ben Zweifelhofer attended, he has been here since September. He grew up in Chippewa and most recently worked in Clark County. EQIP signup deadline has been extended to April 17th. So far have 12-15, expecting 40-45 sign up participants.

10. Comments from Committee Members

John encouraged people to attend the Farmers Appreciation Day Meeting.

Also, March 11th is the Farm Bureau sponsored Legislative Day in Madison.

11. Set Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Next meeting will be April 9th, 2009 at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn by John Meyers, seconded by Art Whitford.

Motion carried.