

# **Land Conservation Committee Meeting**

## **Date: June 12, 2009**

**1. Meeting called to order at:** 7:30 am

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

**Absent:** Diane McGuire, Art Whitford

**Others Present:** Michelle Frederick, Travis Anderson, Andy Walsh, Randy Terronez

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

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

**MEETING NOTES:**

**3. WLWCA Legislative Issues**

**4. Working Lands Initiative**

A summary from DATCP was distributed, program most likely passed with State Budget Bill. Lots of Zoning and Conservation Issues. Special Zoning meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**5. FPP Credits**

Handed out report. Total and average credits are still trending down.

**6. Green Sheet Newsletter**

The current edition is at the printers and will be mailed to 3300. Proposal to discontinue producing.

**7. Engineering Technician Resignation**

Tony Pillow has resigned effective June 12<sup>th</sup>. Plan for "termination time" and "back filling" for the position. Requesting the position to be filled at 100%, currently there are 26 projects for LWRM, and 11 dams that need attention annually. There are

also Nutrient Management cost share plans. It is a critical position with an important skill set. Dave Ladd moved to approve refilling the position at 100%, seconded by Bob Bunker. Motion carried.

**8. 2009 DATCP Contract**

Contract was signed by the County and by DATCP for a grant for \$189,707.90. Motion by John Meyers to approve the contract, seconded by Dave Ladd. Motion carried.

**9. 2010 Preliminary Budget**

Referred to page 4 of the matrix and the "budget cuts" email. Lots of ideas. Carol Anderson moved to approve the matrix, Bob Bunker seconded. Motion carried.

**10. APHIS Issues**

Contract for 2009 Venison Donation with SW CAP. Michelle Frederick and Travis Anderson were there to discuss. The process will be streamlined. Will set up accounts with Wildlife Damage Account funding. SW CAP will sign up butchers in other areas of Wisconsin. Last year the rate was \$70 per deer. John Meyers moved to participate with SW CAP, DNR and APHIS in the 2009 Venison Donation Program, seconded by Bob Bunker. Motion carried.

**11. Vehicle Lease/Rental**

A vehicle has been rented from the Highway Department for \$119/month plus gas to help with potential need for the summer (maybe send it back if E.T. position is open for too long). Bob Bunker moved to rent the vehicle from the Highway Department, seconded by John Meyers. Motion carried.

**12. NRCS Contribution Agreement**

Request to NRCS to reimburse the County/LCD for Data Update Work/Position.

**13. Transect Survey**

With staff time and vehicle access issues, recommendation is to not do the survey in 2009 and 2010. Motion to suspend for this year and review again next year by Carol Anderson, seconded by Bob Bunker. Motion carried.

**14. SA WLWCA Tour**

No one will be attending this year.

**15. LCC Awards at the Farmers Appreciation Day**

Farmers Appreciation Day is July 12<sup>th</sup>, an award (framed certificates) will be presented at 2pm with the help of Alice in

Dairyland (she has been invited). If you are available please come, find Jim at 1:30.

**16. WI Ag Facts**

A handout was reviewed of Ag impacts to the economy of Wisconsin.

**17. LWRM Projects for Approval**

Bob Bunker moved to approve all projects and payments, seconded by Dave Ladd. John Meyers abstained. Motion carried.

**18. NACD Dues**

Art Whitford moved to pay \$50, seconded by Bob Bunker. Motion carried.

**19. PL-566 Assessment**

John Meyers moved to let lapse, seconded by Art Whitford. Motion carried.

**20. Thursday's Notes**

**21. Other Business**

**22. Comments from Committee Members**

State of Wisconsin purchase (Stewardship Fund)  
County Farm discussion

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

Next meeting will be August 13<sup>th</sup> at Black Hawk Lake at 5:30 pm, motion by Bob Bunker seconded by John Meyers. Motion carried.

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