

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
September 12, 2012 9:30AM*
County Board Room

Call to order	(Chair)
Approve Agenda	(Chair)
Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting	(Chair)
Public Comments	(Chair – Speakers limited to 3 minutes)
<u>Wildlife Damage Program</u> -program and budget updates	(C. Blonk / 5 minutes)
<u>LWRD 2013 Budget review (as needed)</u>	(Dept. Head / 5 minutes)
<u>Voucher Review and Financial Reports</u> -Review bill sheet	(Dept. Head / 5 minutes)
<u>10:00AM: Agency Report</u> -NRCS District Conservationist,	(K. Zygowicz / 15 minutes)
<u>Director's Report</u> -Other items	(Dept. Head / 5 minutes)
<u>Staff Presentation</u>	(P. DeJardin / 15 minutes)
<u>Committee Observances</u>	(Chair / 5 minutes)
<u>Adjournment</u>	

Committee note: Dean Johansen will bring treats

*Note – Meeting may start following Lime Quarry Committee meeting

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Polk County Land Conservation Committee

Dean Johansen, Chair Larry Jepsen, Vice Chair William Johnson Herschel Brown Ted Johnson, FSA Rep.

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The Land Conservation Committee met September 12, 2012 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Dean Johansen, Herschel Brown, Larry Jepsen, William Johnson,
Ted Johnson, FSA Representative
LWRD staff: Tim Ritten, Patti Andersen
Others: Keith Zygowicz, NRCS

Call To Order: Chairman Johansen called the meeting to order at 9:48 am.

Approve Agenda: Motion made (Jepsen/Brown) to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion made (W. Johnson/T. Johnson) to approve August 2 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Wildlife Damage Program: In absence of Cindy Blonk, Ritten updated the committee that bear damage is on the rise, due to high price of corn and high bear population.

LWRD 2013 Budget Review: Ritten reviewed the Land and Water Resources Department (LWRD) budget with the committee and discussed the replacement of the engineering truck on the department's CIP (Capital Improvements Plan) for 2013. He also explained that the truck is in such bad shape that he will ask for permission to use some staffing budget savings to purchase a replacement truck this year.

Voucher Review and Financial Reports: Ritten handed out voucher reports and explained the expenses for department.

Agency Report: Keith Zygowicz, NRCS, discussed status reviews and wetland verifications his office has been working on. Public is putting cropland into production that has not been in production in the past. The CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) has received 21 new participants for another 10 year contract.

Director's Report:

Lake Projects

- The Department has been working with Bone Lake on several water quality issues including runoff control ponds and erosion control sites.
- Jeremy and Katelin continue with the lake surveys and water testing they need to do for the grant projects they are working on. Blue-green algae levels are high on several lakes this year.

Agriculture Projects

- UWRF received a grant to collect, measure, and analyze runoff from the edge of farm fields and will work with Polk County LWRD to conduct the study. They will test for

Pending approval by the LCC Secretary and amendment at the next meeting.

amount of water running off the field, total suspended solids, total phosphorus and soluble phosphorus.

- A four county consortium (Polk, St. Croix, Dunn, Pierce) received a McKnight Foundation grant which will initiate a new farmer-led conservation effort in the Horse Creek watershed

Education Projects

- Katelin and Jeremy continue to be on WPCA radio every other Thurs. morning (95.7FM at 9:30am) speaking on a variety of topics about water quality.
- PCALR meeting was Aug. 22, with 2 DNR staff presenting on the Lake St. Croix TMDL plans.
- Tri-County (Polk, Burnett, Washburn) Soil Judging contest October 9, Polk Co. hosting at the Legion Hall in Balsam Lake.
- Mr. Y's camp day at DD Kennedy is the same day, Oct. 9.

Miscellaneous

- Northwest Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association Area Meeting and Tour was August 17 in Ashland. The tour included the Xcel Energy wood fired power plant in Ashland and a UW aquaculture facility in Bayfield County.
- WLWCA/County Conservationist meeting October 4 – 5 in Wis. Rapids.

Staff Presentation: Peter DeJardin, Engineering Technician, discussed frac sand in Polk and Barron Counties.

Committee Observances: None.

Adjournment: Motion made (T. Johnson/Jepsen) to adjourn meeting at 11:07 am. Motion carried unanimously.