

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
November 7, 2012 10:30AM*
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>	(C. Blonk / 10 minutes)
-Set 2012 Wildlife Damage Program closure date	
-program and budget updates	
<u>LWRD 2013 Budget Review</u>	(Dept. Head / 10 minutes)
-grants schedule	
-amendments as needed	
-consideration/recommendation of 2013 budget	
<u>LWRD 2012 Budget</u>	(Dept. Head / 10 minutes)
-cost share bond/SEG money	
-truck	
<u>Voucher Review and Financial Reports</u>	(Dept. Head / 5 minutes)
-Review bill sheet	
<u>11:00AM: Agency Report</u>	(A. Moore / 15 minutes)
-FSA Executive Director,	
<u>Director's Report</u>	(Dept. Head / 5 minutes)
-Other items	
<u>Staff Presentation</u>	(none)
<u>Committee Observances</u>	(Chair / 5 minutes)
<u>Adjournment</u>	

Committee note: staff 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 November 7, 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: Aaron Moore, FSA Executive Director
Cindy Blonk, Wildlife Damage Technician
Dana Frey, Administrator

Call To Order: Chairman Johansen called the meeting to order at 11:03 am.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion made (Larry Jepsen/Herschel Brown) to approve October 10, 2012 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Wildlife Damage Program:

Set 2012 Wildlife Damage Program Closure Date: December 1, 2012 was the date decided by the committee to close wildlife damage claims for 2012 based on when 90% of the crops in the county have been harvested. **Motion made (Ted Johnson/Larry Jepsen) to accept December 1, 2012 as the closing date for wildlife damage claims for 2012. Motion carried unanimously.**

Program and Budget Updates: Blonk distributed a list of the people in Polk County enrolled this year in Wildlife Damage Program. The complete list is also on the DNR website stipulating 2 hunters allowed per 40 acres if enrolled in the Wildlife Damage Program.

LWRD 2013 Budget Review: Due to inadvertently omitting frac sand on LWRD fee schedule, a technical amendment was needed to include frac sand permit fees in LWRD's Fee Schedule for the 2013 budget. **Motion made (William Johnson/Larry Jepsen) to include technical frac sand after hard rock quarry in an amendment in the budget. Motion carried unanimously.** No changes with the 2013 budget. **Motion made (Larry Jepsen/Herschel Brown) to move 2013 budget on to the county board. Motion carried unanimously.**

LWRD 2012 Budget – Per Administrator Frye, Land and Water Resources Budget is good. Ritten stated that the current Engineering Truck was no longer in operation and another vehicle to replace that one is needed.

Cost-Share Bond/SEG Money: Ritten requested to transfer \$13,900 of DATCP cost-share monies to Douglas County. **Motion made (Herschel Brown/William Johnson) to transfer \$13,900 to Douglas County, Wisconsin Land Conservation Department. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Agency Report: Aaron Moore, FSA Executive Director, discussed the farm bill that Congress still has not passed and are working with an expired farm bill. Loan programs are still available through Farm Service Agency (FSA) as well as 2011 disaster program and CRP contracts. FSA is also in the process of county committee elections with ballots being mailed out soon.

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

Director's Report:

LAKE PROJECTS

- Jeremy and Katelin are in the report writing phase of their work for several lake projects.
- Church Pine, Round, Big Lake District appointment is open. Since the new county board will be comprised of 15 supervisors, each should be assigned a lake district.

AGRICULTURE PROJECTS

- UW – River Falls 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 amount of water running off the field, total suspended solids, total P and soluble P.
- Eric has collected soil sample info on approximately 45-50% of the Horse Creek watershed for the Cedar Lake grant.
- A four-county consortium (Polk, St. Croix, Dunn, Pierce) got the McKnight Foundation grant and UWEX has begun hiring a project coordinator. Next year a lot of our Conservation Planner (Eric) time will be spent in the Horse Creek watershed collecting soil sample data, calculating phosphorus runoff, and assisting with Watershed Councils.

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.
- LWRD is developing a proposal for Stillwater Bridge environmental impact mitigation money from the St. Croix Basin Team for LIDAR, and an Aquatic Invasive Species prevention billboard.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Technical Advisory Committee for ordinance rewrites is working on how to address Non-Metallic Mine issues, zoning ordinances, etc.
- North West Land Conservation Association (NWLCA) meeting was October 19 in Spooner. Two of our student's posters went on to the state level poster contest competition.
- NWLCA needs an official rep. from this LCC to the area association.

Staff Presentation: None.

Committee Observances: None.

Adjournment: Motion made (Herschel Brown/Dean Johansen) to adjourn meeting at 12:02 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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