

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center  
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin  
**Wednesday, February 9, 2011 9:30am**  
**County Board Room**

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Call to order

Approve Agenda

Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Public Comments

- Review bear damage abatement procedures with WDP participant Randy Freer (discussion only)

Mathy Construction Company NMM Reclamation Permit (discussion only)

- Malia Malone case update

Wildlife Damage Program - Cindy Blonk

- Approve claims for 2010 (discussion/action)
- Program updates (discussion only)

Resolution – WI DNR Rapid Response Grant for Japanese Knotweed (discussion/action)

- Review resolution for grant work

Conservation St. Croix Memorandum of Understanding (discussion/action)

- Review MOU between counties in St. Croix River watershed

Voucher Review and Financial Reports (discussion/action)

- Sign bill sheet

Policy 10 – Duties and Responsibilities of Governing Committees (discussion only)

- Information for discussion at March meeting regarding LCC Duty Roster, roles and responsibilities

Directors Report (discussion only)

- Other items

Agency Reports

- DNR-Forestry/Wildlife
- NRCS-Keith Zygowicz
- FSA-Aaron Moore
- UWEX-Vacant

Committee Observances (discussion only)

Presentation by Staff Person (time permitting)

Adjournment

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**Polk County Land Conservation Committee**

*Dean Johansen, Chair*

*Herschel Brown, Vice Chair*

*Wendy Rattel, Secretary*

*Larry Jepsen*

*Ted Johnson, FSA Rep.*

## Polk County Land Conservation Committee

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The Land Conservation Committee met February 9, 2011 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Dean Johansen, Larry Jepsen, Herschel Brown, Wendy Rattel and Ted Johnson, FSA Representative.

LWRD Staff: Tim Ritten and Becky Burkhardt.

Also present: Dana Frey, County Administrator, Malia Malone, Assistant Corp. Counsel

Press: Greg Westigard, Inter-County Leader

9:34 a.m. Chairman Johansen called the meeting to order. **Motion (Jepsen/Johansen to approve the Agenda. Motion (Rattel/Brown) to approve the January minutes. Both motions carried.**

**Public Comment.** Randy Freer commented that he doesn't like the DNR procedures on bear damage abatement for the Wildlife Damage Program.

Ed Dittbrenner also talked about the bear, deer and turkey damage abatement procedures. Discussed shooting permits for deer.

**Mathy Construction Company NMM Reclamation Permit** Malia Malone, Assistant Corp. Counsel gave an update on the ruling from the Appeals Court. The reclamation permit stands.

**Wildlife Damage.** Cindy Blonk handed out a summary sheet for the 2010 Wildlife Damage claimants. **Motion (Brown/Johnson) to approve the 2010 Wildlife Damage claims with David Dittbrenner's claim if processed through Cindy Blonk (appraisals are discussed). Motion carried. Discussion regarding DNR abatement policy. Cindy will draft a recommendation for approval at next LCC Meeting.**

**Resolution – WI DNR Rapid Response Grant for Japanese Knotweed** Motion (Jepsen/Rattel) to approve the above resolution and move it forward to the County Board. Motion carried.

**Conservation St. Croix Memorandum of Understanding** Motion (Jepsen/Johansen) to approve the MOU between Wisconsin counties in the St. Croix River watershed. Motion carried.

**Voucher Review.** Motion (Jepsen/Johansen) to approve the voucher report for February 2011. Motion carried.

**Agency Reports** Michele Carlisle, DNR Wildlife Biologist, stated the DNR will be doing a follow-up scientific study to the tetracycline bear population study that was done in 2006. Will be taking place in April-May of this year in the county.

Keith Zygowic, NRCS, stated the sign-ups were well attended. EQIP had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest signup in Polk County. The applications are going through the ranking phase now and will know later if they get funded. CRP sign-up will be March 14<sup>th</sup> thru April 15<sup>th</sup>. Status reviews for people in USDA programs are being done.

**Policy 10 – Duties and Responsibilities of Governing Committees.** Tim handed out copies of the LCC Duty Roster, roles and responsibilities as well as Chapter 92 statutes to the committee. The committee will review it at the March LCC Meeting.

### **Director's Report.**

- Jeremy and Tim met w/ DNR staff to add what they feel is missing from the Ward Lake and Wild Goose Lake final reports. We have until March 1 to make updates to the reports.
- Reba officially retired on January 27.

- Eric has sent in the next Japanese Knotweed rapid response grant application.
- Eric has been meeting with farmers in the Farmland Preservation Program to review their soil conservation and nutrient management plans.
- Farmland Preservation Program county planning process is underway. We can get a grant for up to \$30,000 in a 50/50 grant paid by DATCP. Eric Wojchik and Tim Anderson prepared and submitted the grant application. County Farmland Preservation Plan is required to be completed by the end of 2012.
- Tree sales are going well. Several species are sold out already.
- LWRD/FSA/NRCS/DNR/UWEX Newsletter was printed and mailed in January to about 4,400 addresses.
- West Central Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association area meeting will be held Thursday February 17 in Menomonie at the Dunn County Agriculture Center. A guest speaker, Tom Stolp from the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters, will be discussing the conservation priorities for 2011-2012.
- Tim is on vacation February 11 through March 4.

**Committee Observances** Update LWRD phone distribution list.

**Motion to adjourn (Johnson/Brown). Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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