

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
Wednesday, March 9, 2011 10:00am
County Board Room

Call to order
Approve Agenda
Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Public Comments

Wildlife Damage Program - Cindy Blonk

- Review and Disposition of pending 2010 Wildlife Damage Claim (discussion/action)
- Bear Damage Abatement Procedures letter (discussion/action)
- Program updates (discussion only)

Voucher Review and Financial Reports (discussion/action)

- Sign bill sheet

Review and Revise Chapter 1 (Master Chapter) and Chapter 3: Land & Water Resource of Polk County Policy 10 Duties and Responsibilities of Governing Committees (discussion/action)

- Review policies

Review Department Goals (discussion/action)

- Set goals for 2011

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.

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

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

LWRD Staff: Tim Ritten and Becky Burkhardt.

Also present: Dana Frey

10:01 a.m. Chairman Johansen called the meeting to order. **Motion (Rattel/ Brown) to approve the Agenda. Motion (Brown/Johansen) to approve the February minutes. Both motions carried.**

Public Comment. Ed Dittbrenner spoke about having bear up on his neighbor's deck and around his homestead, concerned about his cattle. Cindy stated she handles Ag related wildlife damage issues and that Chad Alberg from Wildlife Services (whom Ed knows) handles any nuisance related bear problems. Cindy told him Chad is who he needs to contact for the nuisance issues. She told Ed that if he has damage to any crops from bear, deer or turkeys that he should call her immediately and she would come out to assess the damage.

Wildlife Damage. Cindy Blonk updated the committee on the wildlife damage claims, she stated that Ed Dittbrenner's claim is pending until the LCC meeting in April.

Cindy passed out the letter regarding bear abatement procedures and how they might be improved. Cindy stated she would like to do procedures on a case-by-case basis. She recommends that this letter be sent to the DNR in Madison with the suggested changes. **Motion (Johansen/Rattel) to approve the bear abatement procedures letter and send it on to the correct department in Madison. Motion carried.**

Voucher Review. Becky Burkhardt handed out the voucher report for committee members to review.

Policy 10 Duties and Responsibilities of Governing Committees Chapter 3: Land & Water Resources Dept. Tim handed out Chapter 3 information regarding the Land Conservation Committee and went over it with the committee. It follows the State Statutes. **Motion (Brown/Johansen) to move the Chapter 3 LWRD duties and responsibilities on to the Organizational Committee. Motion carried**

Review Department Goals. Tim handed out and reviewed the goals for the department. **Motion (Brown/Rattel) to accept the 5 goals for the LWRD department as presented. Motion carried.**

Director's Report.

- Jeremy resubmitted the Ward Lake and Wild Goose Lake final reports.
- Staff support position was posted, posting came down March 7, did interview and have selected a person.
- Eric has sent in the next Japanese Knotweed Rapid Response grant application and the resolution will be before County Board next Tuesday.
- Eric continues to meet with farms in the Farmland Preservation Program to review and update their soil conservation and nutrient management plans.
- Farmland Preservation Program county planning process is still underway. We have applied for a grant for up to \$30,000 in a 50/50 grant from 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. Most species are sold out.
- West Central Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association area meeting was held Thursday, February 17th in Menomonie. Eric attended.
- County Conservationist meeting is March 31 thru April 1st, DNR & DATCP secretaries to be there.
- Woodley dam email from DNR.
- Earth Day April 15th at the Recycling Center.

Agency Reports Paul Heimstead, DNR Forester stated the planting of DNR trees is about 60,000 which ranks with 2010 as the lowest years. Said it could be from the economy, private trees and less land going into trees. They will be renting out the tree planters again this year.

Tim Ritten gave the FSA Report for Aaron Moore. There will be a CRP sign-up March 14 thru April 15th. It is a 10-15 year contract. There is also a Pollinators Program for Bees. If you know of anyone that is interested, please have them call the FSA office.

Committee Observances None

Presentation by staff person Eric Wojchik, Conservation Planner talked about the Farmland Preservation Program. The department has applied for a Farmland Preservation Planning Grant.

Motion to adjourn (Rattel/Brown). Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.
