

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

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

Call to order	(Chair)
Election of Committee Officers	(Chair / 5 minutes)
Approve Agenda	(Chair)
Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting	(Chair)
Public Comments	(Chair – Speakers limited to 3 minutes)
<u>Designation of Public Records Custodian</u>	(Chair / 5 minutes)
<u>Establish Meeting Time and Dates</u>	(Chair / 5 minutes)
<u>Review Duties and Responsibilities of Land Conservation Committee</u>	(Dept Head / 10 minutes)
<u>Polk County LWRD Annual Report</u>	(Dept Head / 5 minutes)
-Review and Approve Annual Report	
<u>LWRD Programs and Strategic Plan</u>	(Dept Head / 30 minutes)
<u>Voucher Review and Financial Reports</u>	(Dept Head / 5 minutes)
-Review bill sheet	
<u>10:15AM: Agency Report</u>	(K. Zygowicz / 15 minutes)
-USDA-NRCS, Keith Zygowicz	
<u>Director's Report</u>	(Dept Head / 5 minutes)
-Other items	
<u>Committee Observances</u>	(Chair / 5 minutes)
<u>Adjournment</u>	

Committee note: Herschel Brown will bring treats

*Note – Meeting may start following Lime Quarry Committee meeting

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Polk County Land Conservation Committee

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

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The Land Conservation Committee met May 9, 2012 in the County Board Room.

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

Call To Order: Chairman Johansen called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Election of Committee Officers: Appointed by previous committee.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion made (Johansen/T. Johnson) to approve April 11 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Designation of Public Records Custodian: Tim Ritten, Director, Land and Water Resources was designated as public records custodian.

Establish Meeting Times and Dates: February, July and November were decided on as months that the committee would not meet.

Review Duties and Responsibilities of Land Conservation Committee: Ritten handed out and discussed the duties and responsibilities of the Land Conservation Committee members.

Polk County LWRD Annual Report: Motion made (Brown/ T. Johnson) to approve the Land and Water Resources' Annual Report and move report on to full county board. Motion carried unanimously.

LWRD Programs and Strategic Plan: Ritten handed out annual work plan for 2012 and Program Narratives for 2013 for Land and Water Resources Department. Discussion held on amount of work being done by less people every year. Brown inquired about the use of volunteers assisting with projects. Ritten will discuss possibilities with staff.

Voucher Review and Financial Reports: Ritten discussed the first quarter financial report and the voucher report.

Agency Report:

NRCS: Keith Zygowicz discussed the amount of land being cleared and plowed up for crops. Also many people are dropping out of CRP due to price of corn. NRCS is also responsible for status reviews – randomly picked individuals participating in Federal farm programming.

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

Directors Report:

- Jeremy and Katelin are going fast each day to keep up with all the lake surveys and water testing they need to do for the grant projects they are working on.
- LWRD has joined with 4 other counties to apply for a McKnight Foundation grant to conduct a "Farmer Led Performance Based Watershed Management Project".
- UWRF received a grant to collect and measure edge of field runoff and will work Polk County LWRD to conduct the study.
- Resolution to county board this month for TRM grant application for Mabry manure storage facility.
- Katelin and Jeremy continue to be on WPCA radio every other Thurs. morning (95.7FM at 9:30 am) speaking on a variety of topics about water quality.
- Earth Day was well attended and had a lot of very good exhibits.

Other Items: Discussion held on lake district representation by county board members. White Ash Lake needs a county board supervisor.

Committee Observances: Jepsen has observed that the nonmetallic mine owned by Bergmann south of Centuria has been eroding. LWRD staff will investigate the site. Jepsen also handed out brochures on wetlands put out by DNR, Wis. Realtors Association and Wis. Coastal Management Program that should be handed out by Zoning Department for all new construction.

Adjournment: Motion made (T. Johnson/W. Johnson) to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.