

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center  
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin  
**Wednesday, June 13, 2012 9:30AM\***  
**County Board Room**

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Call to order	(Chair)
Approve Agenda	(Chair)
Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting	(Chair)
Public Comments	(Chair – Speakers limited to 3 minutes)
<u>LWRD Programs and Strategic Plan</u>	(Dept Head / 45 minutes)
<u>10:15AM: Agency Report</u>	(P. Heimsted / 15 minutes)
-DNR Forester, Paul Heimsted	
<u>Voucher Review and Financial Reports</u>	(Dept Head / 5 minutes)
-Review bill sheet	
<u>Director's Report</u>	(Dept Head / 5 minutes)
-Other items	
<u>Committee Observances</u>	(Chair / 5 minutes)
<u>Adjournment</u>	

Committee note: Larry Jepsen 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    Randy Korb    Larry Jepsen    Ted Johnson, FSA Rep.*

## Polk County Land Conservation Committee

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The Land Conservation Committee met June 13, 2012 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Dean Johansen, Herschel Brown, Larry Jepsen, William Johnson  
LWRD staff: Tim Ritten, Patti Andersen  
Others: Paul Heimsted, DNR Forester

**Call To Order:** Chairman Johansen called the meeting to order at 9:42 am.

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

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion made (Brown/William Johnson) to approve May 9 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None

**Land and Water Resources Department (LWRD) Programs and Strategic Plan:** Ritten handed out Strategic Planning information for the committee. Discussion held on threats to surface water and ground water from agriculture, urban, invasive species and other sources.

**Agency Report:** Paul Heimstead, DNR Forester, discussed DNR Forestry Programs and their affect on private property taxes. He also discussed how the DNR manages and assists people in tree planting in Polk County, how tree planting has greatly decreased over the years, and how DNR closed one of their three state nurseries due to reduction in tree planting. From the DNR Wildlife Personnel, there is a ban on feeding and baiting deer due to CWD found in Washburn County.

William Johnson left meeting at 10:30 to attend another meeting.

**Voucher Review and Financial Reports:** Ritten handed out and discussed the voucher report.

**Director's Report:**

### Lake Projects:

- Some lakes in the county are still very low. Technicians looked at a boat landing that is still over 100 feet short of where the water is, and another lake has a new boat landing that is also dry.

### Agriculture Projects:

- LWRD has submitted an application for a McKnight Foundation grant to conduct a "Farmer led Performance Based Watershed Management Project" in the Horse Creek watershed. The application has passed the first cut and is being considered for funding.
- 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. The test fields have been selected.

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

- DNR Wildlife Damage Program received a complaint from a participant from our county who had their claim denied. DNR staff explained that program requirements were not met.

#### Education Projects

- Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference is June 22 at Spooner High School. Tim and Katelin will attend and have an AIS educational display.

#### Miscellaneous Projects

- No LCC meeting is planned in July, and we will review the 2013 budget at the August LCC meeting.
- Northwest Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association Area Meeting and Tour is August 17 in Ashland. The tour will include Xcel Energy wood fire power plant in Ashland and a UW aqua-culture facility in Bayfield County.
- Big Blake Protection and Rehabilitation District has requested a district boundary change. A class 1 public hearing is required. Policy 10 is going to need revision to determine whether LCC or LIC will handle the public hearing.
- Frac sand not subject to sales tax in Wisconsin if 'received' in another state.

**Committee Observances:** Jepsen is attending the WCA Environmental Steering Committee meeting July 20.

**Adjournment:** Motion made (Brown/Jepsen) to adjourn meeting at 11:16. Motion carried unanimously.