

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center  
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin  
**Wednesday, September 14, 2011 9:30am**  
**County Board Room**

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

Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation Program Update – (discussion only)

- updated financial assurance progress report
- state NR135 administrator local program report

Wildlife Damage Program – (discussion/action)

- Wildlife Damage Program Budget for 2012
- program updates

Farmland Preservation Program Notice of Noncompliance – (discussion/action)

- voluntary removal

Budget Review – (discussion/action)

- Review 2012 LWRD Budget as needed

Voucher Review and Financial Reports (discussion only)

- Review bill sheet

Directors Report (discussion only)

- Other items

Agency Reports

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

Committee Observances (discussion only)

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 September 14, 2011 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Herschel Brown, Wendy Rattel  
Ted Johnson, FSA Rep.

LWRD Staff: Tim Ritten, Becky Burkhardt and Patti Andersen

Others: Dana Frey, DOA  
Cindy Blonk, Wildlife Damage Specialist  
Lars Olson, NRCS  
Aaron Moore, FSA

In absence of Chairman Johansen, Vice-Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. **Motion (Rattel/Johnson) to approve the agenda. Motion (Johnson/Rattel) to approve the August minutes. Both motions passed.**

**Public Comments.** None

**Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation Program:** Prior to discussion, Chairman Brown limited discussion of nonmetallic mine reclamation program to 10 minutes. Ritten discussed nonmetallic mine audit review from Dept. of Natural Resources Specialist. Discussion held on state's suggestion that LWRD require the state average of \$3,500/acre for financial assurance (bond, letter of credit stating they are financially responsible, etc). Owners have option to close all or part of their pit. Polk County has 66 nonmetallic mines in operation. All have cooperated with increased financial assurance except three. Owners have been told they would receive a citation if financial assurance is not in order with LWRD.

**Wildlife Damage Program:** Blonk handed out 2012 Wildlife Damage Program budget. Budget is similar to last year's with slight increase in bear control. **Motion (Johnson/Brown) to approve Wildlife Damage Program budget. Motion passed.**

Blonk updated the committee on deer permit violation from Walter Den Hoed. It was recommended by Polk and Burnett Counties to revoke permit for an additional 10 years beyond the state required two years. Burnett County District Attorney followed the state requirement of only two years.

Blonk discussed the deer donation program which allows deer to be donated to food shelves in Polk County. Polk County signed an agreement to participate in this program with the following processing centers being used: Van Meters, Amery Meat Market and Swanks.

**Farmland Preservation Program Notice of Noncompliance:** Ritten discussed Notice of Noncompliance for Paul Grenquist who requests voluntary exclusion from Farmland Preservation Program. Discussion held. **Motion made (Johnson/Rattel) to remove Paul Grenquist from Farmland Preservation Program. Motion passed.**

**Budget Review:** Frey discussed final budget for LWRD. County board must approve entire budget in October meeting. Discussion held on justification for additional levy request from program priorities study that county board decided. Due to lake protection ranking 6<sup>th</sup> highest by board, LWRD is funded \$10,000 as a one-time expenditure for Information and Education. Due to decrease in future cost sharing revenue, LWRD would like to produce educational DVDs for the public on conservation practices.

**Voucher Review and Financial Reports:** Burkhardt handed out the voucher report for committee members to review

**Director's Report:**

- LWRD entered into an agreement with Washington Co MN for 40 hrs of work for \$1000, for Lake St. Croix TMDL project inventory
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- Both Katelin and Jeremy continue to promote environmental education on WPCA radio on a regular basis
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- Twin cities news had a report on a promising study using bacteria that may prove beneficial in controlling zebra mussels
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- Polk County Association of Lakes and Rivers meeting is Sept. 21 where they will be discussing the LWRD Aquatic Invasive Species grant.
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- LWRD has forwarded a Targeted Runoff Management grant extension letter and form to the DNR for former Notice of Noncompliance site manure pit closure
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- LWRD is reviewing the Animal Waste and Water Quality Management Ordinance.
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- West Central Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association Fall Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19 at the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire
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- Wapogasset 100 year anniversary celebration was held August 13 at Garfield Park, Jeremy and Katelin had educational displays.

**Agency Reports**

**NRCS** – In absence of Keith Z, Lars Olson discussed NRCS projects: Conservation Reserve Program (25 new contracts); Environmental Quality Incentive Program signup is this fall.

**FSA** – Aaron Moore discussed Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) providing payments to eligible owners of nonindustrial private forest land in order to carry out emergency measures to restore land damaged by a natural disaster.

**Committee Observances** None

**Adjournment. Motion to adjourn (Johnson/Rattel). Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.

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