

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 9:30am
County Board Room

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

Agency Reports

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

Wildlife Damage Program - Cindy Blonk

- Program updates (discussion only)
- 2010 Wisconsin Deer Donation Program (discussion/action)

2011 Budget (discussion/action)

Cost Share Funds Transfer Agreement (discussion/action)

Vacant Positions (discussion only)

Voucher Review and Financial Reports (discussion/action)

- Sign bill sheet

Directors Report (discussion only)

- Other items

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

The Land Conservation Committee met October 13, 2010 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Dean Johansen, Herschel Brown, Wendy Rattel, Larry Jepsen and Ted Johnson, FSA Representative.
LWRD Staff: Tim Ritten, Becky Burkhardt
Finance Director: Maggie Wickre

9:37am Chairman Johansen called the meeting to order. **Motion (Johnson /Jepsen) to approve the agenda. Motion (Brown/Jepsen) to approve the amended September 8th minutes to read; FSA, Aaron Moore talked about the SURE Program and the Conservation Loan Program, also the committee adjourned at 12:14 pm not 12:00 pm. Both motions carried.**

Public Comment. None.

Agency Reports. DNR – Paul Heimstead, DNR Forester talked about the Private Forestry Program which is for private landowners. They help with tree planting, forestation, timber sales, write comprehensive land use plans for upland wildlife, forest and forest habitats at no charge to the landowner.

Paul also said the tree planting program has declined over the past 12 years. Tree planters—DNR owns 1 and Polk County LWRD owns 2. One of the county owned tree planters is from the 1960s and may need to be replaced soon. Paul stated that logging prices are up slightly.

FSA – Director, Aaron Moore said that they have paid out \$2 million in CRP payments. The CRP signup had 60 offers and 57 were approved. FSA is starting a new fiscal year and they have low interest loans for marketing assistance and grain storage assistance.

Wildlife Damage. Cindy Blonk explained the Deer Donation Program. She stated that it is the same as previous years except that the processing fee paid to the deer processing plants went up \$5.00. All the donated meat goes to the local food shelves. **Motion made by Johnson/Brown to participate in the Deer Donation Program for 2010. Motion carried.**

Cindy said they have done lots of appraisals and that the yields are fantastic this year. Deer damage is down while bear damage is up.

2011 Budget. Maggie Wickre, Finance Director went over the 2011 Budget and needs the Committee to approve it. **Motion made by Jepsen/Brown to approve the 2011 budget as presented. Motion carried.**

Vacant Positions. Tim Ritten handed out a draft analysis of the two vacant positions in the LWRD office and a discussion ensued.

Voucher Review and Financial Reports. **Motion (Johnson/Jepsen) to approve the voucher report for \$6,357.20 Motion carried.**

Director's Report.

- Status of progress w/AEA plans, NR151 certifications, lake grants.
- PCALR is planning a meeting on Oct. 20th w/ local and regional politicians connected to lake districts and lake issues.
- Big Butternut Lake had an APM Committee meeting, Jeremy attended and spoke to them regarding the CLP issue as well as their susceptibility to EWM, need for vigilant monitoring, etc. The lake owners are pursuing a strong Clean Boats Clean Waters program.

- Presentations are taking place today for Mr. "Y" Camp (SCF 5th graders) w/ Jeremy, Eric, Jeremy K., teaching at DD Kennedy Park.
- Yesterday the Tri-county soil judging contest was held in Washburn Co. Six schools participated (2 ea county) Webster 1st, Unity 2nd, Clear Lake 3rd.
- Sports show at Country Store in Amery, Eric attended w/ AIS display.
- Tim attended the County Conservationists meeting in Stevens Point on Sept 30 – Oct 1. Most other counties are struggling just like we are.
- NRCS local work group meeting was held 9-29-10. They determined what priorities NRCS will pursue and what point values each criteria question would have to score applications.
- ARMC low impact development tour was held Oct. 7, including rain gardens, pervious fire lanes, green roofs.
- WLWCA (WC Area) registration due Oct 18 for meeting on Oct. 27 in Eau Claire.
- WLWCA statewide meeting in December is in the Dells.
- 2nd TAG meeting regarding Zoning and Shoreland Ordinances was held Oct. 4, good progress made on the zoning ordinance.

Committee Observances. None

Motion to adjourn (Jepsen/Johnson). **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

(Note: these minutes are not official until approved at next LCC meeting)