

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
Wednesday, August 2, 2012 9:30AM*
County Board Room

Call to order	(Chair)
Approve Agenda	(Chair)
Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting	(Chair)
Public Comments	(Chair – Speakers limited to 3 minutes)

<u>Wildlife Damage Program</u>	(C. Blonk / 15 minutes)
-Review/approve 2013 Polk County WDACP budget	

<u>LWRD 2013 Budget review</u>	(Dept. Head / 20 minutes)
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<u>Voucher Review and Financial Reports</u>	(Dept. Head / 10 minutes)
-Review bill sheet	
-Review quarterly report	

<u>10:15AM: Agency Report</u>	(A. Moore / 15 minutes)
-FSA Exec. Director,	

<u>Director's Report</u>	(Dept. Head / 5 minutes)
-Other items	

<u>Committee Observances</u>	(Chair / 5 minutes)
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Adjournment

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.

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The Land Conservation Committee met August 2, 2012 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Dean Johansen, Herschel Brown, Larry Jepsen, William Johnson,
Ted Johnson, FSA Representative
LWRD staff: Tim Ritten, Patti Andersen
Others: Cindy Blonk, Wildlife Damage Technician
Aaron Moore, Polk County FSA Director

Call To Order: Chairman Johansen called the meeting to order at 9:39 am.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion made (Brown/T. Johnson) to approve June 13 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Wildlife Damage Program: Cindy Blonk handed out and discussed the 2013 Polk County Wildlife Damage Budget. This budget, broken down into categories, is more reflective of monies spent for program. Because bear damage has been increasing, that amount will be reflective next year.
Motion made (Jepsen/T. Johnson) to approve funding the Wildlife Damage Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Blonk also discussed the deer donation program. Polk County has three food processing plants who have agreed to process donated deer with processed venison going to Polk County Food Shelves. **Motion made (Jepsen/W. Johnson) to have Polk County continue with the deer donation program. Motion carried unanimously.**

LWRD 2013 Budget Review: Ritten reviewed the Land and Water Resources Department (LWRD) budget with the committee, discussing the revenues received from DATCP, grants, fees, tree program (which pays the department's educational programs), contracted services, and other programs, along with expenses associated with each program. Discussion held on replacement of engineering truck for the department's CIP (Capital Improvements Plan).

Voucher Review and Financial Reports: Ritten handed out and explained the two months of expenses for department. In addition to the voucher review, Ritten discussed the quarterly report stating revenues have been greater than expenses for the first half of the year.

Agency Report: Aaron Moore, FSA Director, discussed the Farm Bill, CRP signup and the disaster relief for maple sap producers. Due to the spring weather, maple sap was greatly reduced so maple sap producers are allowed emergency low rate loans to assist their business. Because of Polk County's moisture levels, this area was not considered a drought area, but a hay list has been started by UW-Extension to assist others in the state.

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

Director's Report:

Lake Projects:

- Department working with Bone Lake on several water quality issues including runoff control ponds and erosion control sites.
- Jeremy and Katelin continue with the lake surveys and water testing they need to do for the grant projects they are working on.

Agriculture Projects:

- UW-River Falls 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. Test fields have been selected.
- Soil sample information has been collected on approximately 3300 acres (30%) of the Horse Creek watershed for the Cedar Lake grant.

Education Projects

- Polk County Association of Lakes and Rivers (PCALR) met June 20 with 8 county board supervisors attending. Ritten gave a presentation on what LWRD does and some of the threats that face Polk County lakes.
- Tim Ritten and Katelin Holm attended Northwest WI Lakes Conference on June 22 with an AIS educational display.
- Tim Ritten attended and had an educational display at the White Ash Lakes Fair on June 23.
- Soil judging contest is October 9 with Polk County hosting.

Miscellaneous Projects

- Northwest Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association Area meeting and Tour is August 17 in Ashland.
- Big Blake Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District has requested a district boundary change.

Committee Observances: None.

Adjournment: Motion made (Brown/W. Johnson) to adjourn meeting at 11:00. Motion carried unanimously.