

**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA**

Polk County Government Center  
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin  
**October 10, 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>Wildlife Damage Program</u> -program and budget updates	(C. Blonk / 5 minutes)
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<u>LWRD 2013 Budget Review</u> -grants schedule -amendments as needed	(Dept. Head / 10 minutes)
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<u>Voucher Review and Financial Reports</u> -Review bill sheet	(Dept. Head / 5 minutes)
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<u>10:00AM: Agency Report</u> -WDNR Forester,	(P. Heimstead / 15 minutes)
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<u>Director's Report</u> -Other items	(Dept. Head / 5 minutes)
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<u>Staff Presentation</u>	(S. Geddes / 15 minutes)
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<u>Committee Observances</u>	(Chair / 5 minutes)
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Adjournment

Committee note: Ted Johnson will bring treats

\*Note – Meeting may start following Lime Quarry Committee meeting

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**Polk County Land Conservation Committee**

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

## Polk County Land Conservation Committee

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The Land Conservation Committee met October 10, 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: Janette Cain, Forester, DNR  
Dana Frey, Administrator

**Call To Order:** Chairman Johansen called the meeting to order at 9:48 am.

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

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion made (W. Johnson/Brown) to approve September 12, 2012 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None

**Wildlife Damage Program:** Cindy Blonk absent. No wildlife damage report.

**LWRD 2013 Budget Review:** Administrator Frey discussed the 2013 Land and Water Resources Budget with the committee with no changes noted.

**Voucher Review and Financial Reports:** Ritten handed out voucher reports and explained the expenses for department.

**Agency Report:** Janette Cain, DNR Forester, discussed various hunting season that were beginning and/or concluding. She also handed out and discussed the state nursery tree order form. Discussion also held on the invasive species of buckthorn.

**Director's Report:**

### LAKE PROJECTS

- The Department has been working with Bone Lake on several water quality issues including runoff control ponds and erosion control sites.
- Jeremy W. and Katelin H. continue with the lake surveys and water testing needed for the grant projects they are working on. Now they will be entering the report writing phase of their work.

### AGRICULTURE PROJECTS

- University of Wisconsin 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. They will test for amount of water running off field as well as total suspended solids and phosphorus.
- A 4-county consortium (Polk, St. Croix, Dunn, Pierce) obtained a McKnight Foundation grant so UW - Extension will begin hiring a project coordinator to then begin creating farmer led watershed councils. Much of our Conservation Planner's time will be spent in the Horse Creek watershed next year collecting soil sample data and calculating phosphorus runoff index data.

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

## EDUCATION PROJECTS

- Tri-County (Polk, Burnett, Washburn) Soil Judging contest October 9, Polk Co. hosted at the Legion Hall in Balsam Lake.
- Mr. Y's camp day at DD Kennedy was also October 9 with Jeremy teaching 5<sup>th</sup> graders about water quality and invasive species.
- Sept. 12 Jeremy W. and Katelin H. did a pontoon classroom on the Apple River Flowage.
- Katelin H. attended the next series of Lake Leader training on Sept 20-21 in Tomahawk.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- A county conservationist and WLWCA meeting was held in Wisconsin Rapids Oct 4 – 5. Technical Advisory Committee for ordinance rewrites are working on how to address Nutrient Management issues.
- Northwest Land Conservation Association meeting was October 19 in Spooner with district Poster Contest judging. Polk has two posters going to state in November.

**Staff Presentation:** No staff presentation.

**Committee Observances:** None.

**Adjournment:** Motion made (T. Johnson/Jepsen) to adjourn meeting at 11:07 am. Motion carried unanimously.