

# LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Polk County Government Center  
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin  
**Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 9:30am**  
**County Board Room**

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Call to order

Election of Officers

Approve Agenda

Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Public Comments

## Agency Reports

- DNR-Forestry/Wildlife
- NRCS-Keith Zygowicz
- FSA-Aaron Moore
- UWEX-Ryan Sterry

Orientation Information – LCC/LWRD duties, responsibilities (discussion only)

Wildlife Damage Program - Cindy Blonk

- Program updates (discussion only)

Lake District Board of Commissioners Appointments (discussion/action)

Voucher Review and Financial Reports (discussion/action)

- Sign bill sheet

Directors Report (discussion only)

- Other items

Committee Observances (discussion only)

Adjournment

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## Polk County Land Conservation Committee

The Land Conservation Committee met May 12, 2010 in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: William Johnson IV, Larry Jepsen, Dean Johansen, Hershel Brown, Wendy Rattel, and Ted Johnson, FSA Representative.

LWRD Staff: Tim Ritten

9:37am Chairman Johansen called the meeting to order. **Motion (T.Johnson/ Brown) to amend and approve the agenda with striking Election of Officers. Both motions carried.**

**Motion (Jepsen/T. Johnson) to approve the April minutes. Motion carried.**

**Public Comment.** None.

**Agency Reports.** Janette Cain – DNR Forester. Gave a 2010 Tree Planting Season Summary handout. Janette reported that tree sales were low this year.

Keith Zygowicz – NRCS. Gave Wisconsin NRCS Program handout and went over programs in Polk County. Informed committee that equipment bills will be coming due. Preparing for annual conservation spot checks.

Aaron Moore – FSA. Provided committee with two handouts – Polk County Profile of Agriculture and FSA Impact, and Wisconsin Farm Center information. Explained how natural disasters depress farm economy. Explained Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and how it needs further promotion.

**Orientation.** Tim Ritten provided handbook to new members, Brown and Rattel. Also provided the committee with a handout of updated department structure with duties and responsibilities. Talked about farm sector and water quality.

**Wildlife Damage.** Dittbrenner claim is now being handled through Corp. Council office.

**Lake District Board of Commissioners Appointments.** **Motion (Brown/Jepsen) to approve appointments and to present them to County Board. Motion carried.**

**Voucher Review and Financial Reports.** **Motion (T. Johnson/Brown) to approve the voucher report for \$8,382.89. Motion carried.**

### **Director's Report.**

- Rebecca Fredrickson has been out with medical issues.
- The annual report will be ready for next meeting.
- Eurasian Water Milfoil was found in Pike Lake, Amery.
- Japanese Knotweed also found in Amery.
- Kronos system is not a good fit for LWRD. It is unable to track time for different programs. Monies are taken out of one account. It is also very time consuming to manage.
- Tree sales are done.
- Earth Day at Recycling Center was a good event.
- Tim attended a management seminar.
- Balsam Lake District are holding a meeting regarding the box culvert.
- Received a letter from Bone Lake thanking LWRD for assistance.

- Received letter from Sen. Harsdorf regarding Farmland Preservation Applications that were dropped when governor signed budget will now be given a chance to enter the program.
- Rep. Hraychuck is working on ground water legislation.

**Motion to adjourn (T. Johnson/Brown). Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 11:15am.