

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2016
County Office Complex

Chairperson Cathy Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Roll Call: Cathy Wagner, Terri Wilfert, Melvin Waack, Laurie Burke and Larry Bonde were present. Todd Holschbach and Pat Kohlman were excused.

Also in attendance were: Jerry Halverson, Soil & Water Conservation Department: Travis Mead, Natural Resource Conservation Service: and Brian Maedke, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service.

Agenda: Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Melvin Waack and seconded by Larry Bonde. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: Motion was made by Melvin Waack and seconded by Terri Wilfert to approve the November 19, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Motion to approve the list of vouchers was made by Larry Bonde and seconded by Terri Wilfert. Motion carried.

Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: No Contracts/Amendments/Agreements for discussion or action.

Budget Review: Reviewed year- to- date annual budget ending November 30, 2015.

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program: Brian Maedke, APHIS:

A. Motion was made by Larry Bonde and seconded by Terri Wilfert to approve the 2015 wildlife damage claims proposed by USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services. Motion carried.

B. Brian Maedke stated that 5 deer were donated in Manitowoc County in 2015.

C. Motion was made by Laurie Burke and seconded by Terri Wilfert to participate in the 2016 deer donation program. Motion carried.

Land & Water Resource Management Plan County Board Approval: Jerry Halverson informed the committee that, due to the County Board meeting date change and a conflict Jerry has on the rescheduled date, the plan will be presented to the County Board on March 15, 2016.

Stakeholder Meeting to Discuss Total Maximum Daily Load Program: Jerry Halverson distributed a map of the proposed TMDL area and presented highlights from the December 15, 2015 stakeholder meeting.

Lake Michigan Area Land and Water Conservation Association Meeting Highlights: – Jerry Halverson attended meeting on January 8, 2016. He handed out a copy of the 2016 budget and activity schedule. He also presented highlights from County roundtable discussion.

Animal Waste Ordinance –

A. Update of violations: No violation since last meeting to report.

Natural Resource Conservation Service 2016 Program Update: Travis Mead stated that 7 EQIP contracts have been funded. Signup for a second round of funding ends on March 4, 2016. Signup for GLRI cost share funding also ends on March 4, 2016. Signup deadline for CRP ends on February 26, 2016.

FSA Report : Terri Wilfert stated that she was re-elected to the FSA committee and will remain the representative on the Land Conservation Committee. Terri also stated that there is a March 15, 2016 deadline to sign-up for the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. The Agricultural Risk Coverage signup is also taking place at this time.

Next meeting: Scheduled for March 17, 2016 at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Larry Bonde and seconded by Melvin Waack at 5:17pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson
Department Director