

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2016
County Office Complex- Room 502

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

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

Also in Attendance Were: Jerry Halverson and Bruce Riesterer, Soil & Water Conservation Dept.; Matt Rataczak, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Laurie Burke and seconded by Pat Kohlman. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion was made by Larry Bonde and seconded by Terri Wilfert to approve the January 21, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

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

Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Program Contracts, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Agreements, Conservation Reserve Program Amendments: Motion by Larry Bonde and seconded by Pat Kohlman to approve Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program contracts. Motion carried.

Motion by Larry Bonde and seconded by Terri Wilfert to approve Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Amendments and Conservation Reserve Program Amendments. Motion carried.

Budget Review: Reviewed budgets ending December 31, 2015 and January 31, 2016.

Conservation Education Program: Jerry Halverson, Matt Rataczak and Tony Smith gave a report on education activities staff have been involved with this winter.

Land & Water Resource Management Plan Endorsement: Jerry Halverson read and distributed a copy of an endorsement letter from the Land & Water Resource Management Plan, Local Advisory Committee to the Land Conservation Committee and Manitowoc County Executive.

Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Conference: Jerry Halverson informed the committee on results of resolutions acted on at the conference and highlights of topics presented.

Animal Waste Ordinance:

A. Update of violations – No violations since the January meeting.

Natural Resources Conservation Service 2016 Program Update: Matt Rataczak reported that 48 applications were submitted for the Environmental Quality Incentive cost share program and 19 applications ranked in the high category. 36 applications were also submitted for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative cost-share program. Environmental Quality Incentive Program cover crop sign up ends June 10, 2016. Conservation Stewardship Program sign up ends on March 31, 2016 with 10 applications submitted to date.

Farm Service Agency Program Update: Terri Wilfert reported that Farm Service Agency committee member election will be held for section 3 next year. Section boundaries will not be changed because sections are well divided at the present.

Next meeting: Is scheduled for May 19, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Pat Kohlman and seconded by Laurie Burke at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson