

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2016
County Office Complex- Room 502

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

Roll Call: Cathy Wagner, Terri Wilfert, Melvin Waack, Todd Holschbach, Nick Muench and Dave Gauger were present. Larry Bonde was excused.

Also in Attendance Were: Jerry Halverson, Bruce Riesterer, Tony Smith and Amanda Cordova from Soil & Water Conservation Department.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Todd Holschbach and seconded by Melvin Waack. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion was made by Melvin Waack and seconded by Terri Wilfert to approve the March 17, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Motion to approve the list of vouchers was made by Todd Holschbach and seconded by Dave Gauger. Motion carried.

Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Program Contracts, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Agreements and Amendments, Conservation Reserve Program Amendments: Motion by Todd Holschbach and seconded by Terri Wilfert to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Budget Review: Reviewed budget ending March 31, 2016.

Selection of Committee Vice Chair: Motion by Todd Holschbach to cast a unanimous ballot for Melvin Waack. Motion carried.

Resource Conservationist Position Vacancy: Jerry Halverson notified the committee that due to a recent staff resignation, applications are being accepted until May 31, 2016 to hire a Resource Conservationist.

Land & Water Resource Management Plan State Approval: Jerry Halverson notified the committee that on April 20, 2016 the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection approved the plan through December 31, 2025.

Nutrient Management Farmer Education Program Grant: An application for a grant totaling \$11,990 was submitted to the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection. If awarded, the grant would be issued in 2017.

2016 Department Program Update: Tony Smith, Bruce Riesterer, Amanda Cordova and Jerry Halverson presented the committee with an update on 2016 department programming.

Animal Waste Ordinance:

A. Update of violations – One violation since the March 17, 2016 LCC meeting. Manure runoff from a manure stack to an agricultural shoreland corridor in the Town of Gibson.

Natural Resources Conservation Service 2016 Program Update: No report.

Farm Service Agency Program Update: Terri Wilfert reported that Farm Service Agency committee member election will be held for area 3 this year. Twenty- two farm applications were submitted for the Conservation Reserve Program. One was accepted. Crop reporting starts in June and ends July 15.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for July 21, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Todd Holschbach and seconded by Terri Wilfert at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson