

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

July 21, 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 and Bruce Riesterer, Soil & Water Conservation Department.

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

Public Comment: James Falkowski addressed the committee regarding aerial spraying of manure and possible estrogen and chemical composition in manure.

Minutes: Motion was made by Melvin Waack and seconded by Terri Wilfert to approve the May 19, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

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

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

Budget Review: Reviewed budget ending June 30, 2016.

Department Use of LIDAR Data: Bruce Riesterer demonstrated how LIDAR information is being used to locate potential conduits to groundwater and other surface features.

Resource Conservationist Position Filled: Jerry Halverson notified the committee that Danielle Block has accepted the job offer and will start on August 1, 2016. Most recently, Danielle has been working for the Department of Natural Resources as an Agricultural Runoff Specialist.

Total Maximum Daily Load Program Update: Todd Holschbach and Jerry Halverson presented information from a meeting held on July 13, 2016 with the Department of Natural Resources and other stakeholders.

2016 Department Program Update: Jerry Halverson presented highlights of department workload and accomplishments in the following program areas: Farmland Preservation, Facility Siting, Education, and Carstens Lake Watershed.

Animal Waste Ordinance:

Update of Violations – On July 19, 2016, Jerry Halverson attended an enforcement conference with the Department of Natural Resources and the farm owner for a manure spill violation that took place on May 22, 2016 in the Town of Meeme.

Natural Resources Conservation Service 2016 Program Update: No report.

Farm Service Agency Program Update: Terri Wilfert reported that area three election will take place this year. Nomination paper deadline is August 1 and must be submitted to the FSA office by December 5. Crop reporting deadline was July 15, but can be reported after that date with a late fee.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for September 15, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Dave Gauger at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson