

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

September 15, 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, Nick Muench, Dave Gauger and Larry Bonde were present. Todd Holschbach was excused.

Also in Attendance Were: Jerry Halverson and Bruce Riesterer, Soil & Water Conservation Department.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Dave Gauger 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 July 21, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

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

Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Program Contracts, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Agreements and Amendments, Conservation Reserve Program Amendments: Motion by Nick Muench and seconded by Melvin Waack to approve as presented. Larry Bonde abstained. Motion carried.

Budget Review: Reviewed budget ending July 31, 2016.

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program Update: Brian Maedke from USDA-APHIS stated that the program is funded by license fees. He also discussed program eligibility requirements.

County Fair Nitrate Screening Results: Jerry Halverson handed out a copy of the 2016 nitrate screening results. A total of 160 screenings were done this year up from 138 in 2015.

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program Update: Jerry Halverson reported that at this time there is no funding source to develop the TMDL.

2017 Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan: Jerry Halverson reported on the preliminary DATCP allocation plan for Manitowoc County including funding for staff, landowner cost-sharing for installation of best management practices and funding for nutrient management farmer education. Total preliminary allocation is \$282,775.

Animal Waste Ordinance:

Update of Violations –.On 8/30 a hose transferring manure from a farm near Maribel broke releasing manure to a nearby intermittent stream. The custom manure hauler took quick action to stop the flow. Two pumper trucks were soon on scene to suck manure from the channel. Maribel fire department supplied water to flush manure in the channel downstream to the pumper trucks.

Natural Resources Conservation Service 2016 Program Update: No report.

Farm Service Agency Program Update: Terri Wilfert reported that four candidates are running for area three committee election. FSA committee recently established harvest dates and yield numbers.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for November 17, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Larry Bonde and seconded by Dave Gauger at 5:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson