

MANITOWOC COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2016  
County Office Complex

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

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

**Also in attendance were:** Jerry Halverson and Tony Smith, Soil & Water Conservation Dept. and Laurie Koeck, APHIS Wildlife Specialist.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Dave Gauger and seconded by Terri Wilfert to approve the September 15, 2016 Minutes. Motion carried.

**Vouchers:** Motion to approve the list of vouchers was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Melvin Waack. Motion carried.

**Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program/Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program–Cost-Share Contracts & Agreements:**

Motion was made by Dave Gauger and seconded by Nick Muench to approve the Soil and Water Resource Management contracts and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program agreements as presented. Motion carried.

**Budget Review:** Reviewed annual budget ending September 30, 2016.

**Wildlife Damage and Claims Program...Laurie Koeck, APHIS:**

- A. Motion made by Melvin Waack and seconded by Nick Muench to approve the 2017 County Budget/Financial Plan. Motion carried.
- B. Motion was made by Melvin Waack and seconded by Nick Muench to approve the 2016 crop prices for corn at \$3.45/bushel and beans at \$8.84/bushel as proposed by USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services. Motion carried.
- C. Motion was made by Terri Wilfert and seconded by Melvin Waack to set November 25, 2016 as the 90% harvest cutoff date. After this date landowners may not be eligible for wildlife damage compensation. Motion carried.
- D. Laurie Koeck distributed the 2016 Manitowoc County participant list for Wisconsin Cooperative Damage Abatement and Claims Program.
- E. Laurie Koeck distributed the USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program-2015 Summary Report.

**Soil and Water Resources Management Grant Program-2017 Allocation.**

Jerry Halverson informed the committee that Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection approved 2017 allocations for Manitowoc County of \$156,975 for staffing, \$53,800 for bond cost-sharing, \$62,500 for SEG cost sharing and \$12,000 for nutrient management farmer education.

**Farmland Preservation Program Certification for Tax Year 2016**

Tony Smith distributed handouts and presented information on Wisconsin runoff rules, nutrient management, and certificate of compliance with Soil & Water Conservation Standards. 822 certificates have been issued resulting in tax credits of approximately \$990,000 in Manitowoc County.

**Lake Michigan Area Land and Water Conservation Association Fall Meeting Highlights –**

Jerry Halverson presented highlights from the October 14, 2016 meeting. Main topics of discussion included; Department of Natural Resources-Statement of Scope related to runoff management and nonpoint performance standards rule revision in areas of the state with shallow soils overlaying fractured bedrock, and State Land & Water Board bylaws for membership.

**Animal Waste Ordinance –**

1. **Update of Violations:** Jerry Halverson informed the Committee that two ordinance violations have occurred since the update presented to the committee on September 15, 2016.

**Natural Resource Conservation Service Program Update.**

No report.

**Farm Service Agency Report –** Terri Wilfert informed the committee that election ballots for Farm Service Agency Committee election for the southern one third of the county have been sent to landowners and must be returned by December 5, 2016.

**Next Meeting:** Is scheduled for January 19, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Terri Wilfert and seconded by Nick Muench at 6:23 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson  
Department Director