

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2020
County Office Complex, Room 502
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

Chairperson Cathy Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

Roll Call: Cathy Wagner, Nick Muench, Bob Cavanaugh, Jon Neils, Michael Slattery and Biff Hansen were present.

Also in attendance were: Jerry Halverson and Austin Loeffelholz - Soil & Water Conservation Dept., Ted Hoffman – In Depth Agronomy, and Kieth Biese – Dairy Farmer.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Biff Hansen. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh to approve the November 21, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Animal Waste Management Ordinance Manure Spreading Requirements: Kieth Biese was issued a notice of problem from the Soil & Water Conservation Department in November for not incorporating manure within 48 hours on slopes greater than 12% required by county ordinance. Kieth stated that he would have caused a bigger problem if he incorporated the manure on the steep slope and that nothing ran off. He would like to see the county ordinance changed to allow for surface spreading manure without requiring 48 hour incorporation on steep slopes.

County Ordinance 6.295 Feeding Deer Prohibited: Jerry Halverson presented the history of the ordinance starting back in 2003 when it was passed by the Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors. He also stated that a deer in Sheboygan County tested positive for chronic wasting disease this past bow hunting season. Meeting minutes from the September 6, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting, when public comment was received on this issue were given to the committee. The committee asked Jerry Halverson to check with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to find out if Manitowoc County will be included in DNR's baiting prohibition area due to the finding in Sheboygan County.

Cost – Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: None

Budget Review: Reviewed budget ending November 30, 2019.

Manitowoc County Land and Water Resource Management Plan Five Year Review for Land and Water Conservation Board: Jerry Halverson and Cathy Wagner will be making a presentation to the Land and Water Conservation Board on February 4, 2020. Copies of the 2019 & 2020 annual work plans along with accomplishments, and implementation covering the past five years and future direction was distributed and discussed.

Resource Conservationist Position Vacancy: Bruce Riesterer retired from the Manitowoc County Soil & Water Conservation Department on January 2, 2020.

Multi – Discharger Variance Program Application: Jerry Halverson informed the committee that he applied for potential funds. Payments are made available from wastewater dischargers to county conservation departments to reduce phosphorus runoff from agricultural sources.

Animal Waste Ordinance – Update of Violations: None to report

Natural Resources Conservation Service Program Update: No report

Farm Service Agency, 2020 Program Update: No report

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for March 19, 2020 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Jon Neils and seconded by Mike Slattery at 5:57 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson
Department Director