

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2012

TIME: 1:00p.m. PLACE: Board Room

Called meeting to order at 1:00p.m. Roll call showed Heidi Roekle excused with all other committee members present.

Murphy stated that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Morgan/Licitar to Approve Agenda. Passed Unanimously.

Tabled approving minutes of November 6, 2012 Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting and November 1, 2012 of joint committee for blue-green algae policies due to minutes not being in packet.

Public Participation as we go.

Motion made by Stuchlak/Morgan to deviate from the agenda – placing item *d. Discussion and possible action regarding Dave Dehmlow's stormwater runoff issue* first. Passed unanimously.

Dave Dehmlow gave his presentation after handing out his design from MSA. Dave explained that there were other issues regarding drainage that he was concerned about. Murphy explained that originally he told Dave he would need a 10 year storm design but he compromised for a 2 year storm design. After further discussion by the committee, Murphy and Dehmlow it was decided that the original 24 ft grassed waterway would be installed. The original stipulations would be removed. The turn arounds would not be needed as well as minimum tillage for the years that potatoes would be planted. The temporary straw bales can be removed right away once construction begins. Dehmlow declined cost sharing for this project. Murphy will write a letter to Dehmlow outlining the agreement that will resolve the stormwater runoff issue.

Due to technical difficulties the DATCP presentation was not ready – next item on agenda

Discuss and possible action regarding NR 151 implementation. Murphy gave an overview on the topic. A fact sheet was handed out describing the performance standards of NR 151. Chris explained the process that LWCD takes in implementing these standards with the landowners. Stuchlak asked what triggers the notification to the landowner in regards to implementing NR 151. Murphy stated there are 3 items; 1) During the rebuild of the Easton Dam an agreement was signed to implement the NR 151 for the landowners of the Easton Watershed. 2) Animal Waste Manure Ordinance – if farmers are applying manure to their land/Storage facilities that were constructed using cost share money from the department. 3) Complaints – if we receive a complaint about nutrient applications – if there is just cause we will move forward with the implementation.

Murphy also stated that the Land & Water Resource Management Plan is soon to be revised. He stated if anyone had concerns of how this NR 151 process will occur to come to the next meeting and help with the revision of this process.

Kay Olson-Martz representing Farm Bureau expressed her concerns about the LWCD pointing the finger at the AG community whenever a complaint comes into the department. The complaint/notification is unjust for the farmer. All aspects should be investigated prior to placing blame on the farmer including possible failing septic systems in the area.

Murphy mentioned that if there are concerns that one should get involved more – have your name placed on the list to receive the agenda for the upcoming meeting. Morgan also mentioned that she does not receive her agenda packet in time to review before the meeting – she asked that we get the packets out sooner. Murphy stated that we would send the packets out sooner.

Report and discussion on sampling sites and results of Nitrates/Atrazine and Metolachlor from DATCP.

DATCP (Rick and Jeff) gave the PowerPoint presentation answering questions in regards to repealing prohibition areas of Atrazine.

Discuss and possible action on Animal Waste Management Ordinance Advisory Group. Bork explained to the committee that he is suggesting that they dissolve the animal waste management ordinance advisory group and create a group called the Land & Water Conservation Department Advisory Group (keeping the same group of people already selected for the AWMO group) This way, this new group would be able to discuss a variety of topics/issues to bring to the committee. As of right now, the AWMO group is only to talk about issues regarding animal waste. Stuchlak agreed with Bork and also stated that it would be a good idea to have a committee member present at the meetings. It was the consensus of the members of the group that were present that they would feel more inclined to discuss openly if there was not a committee member at the meetings. The group would like to run the meeting themselves. Public participation – it was stated by a couple of members that they do not want to open up the meetings to discuss more topics – that it was too broad, they wanted to focus on the one topic.

Motion made by Bork/Stuchlak to deviate from the agenda – placing item n. ***Discuss and possible action on the resolution to support changing the process for permitting high capacity wells by the WDNR*** next. Passed unanimously.

Chair Sebastiani stated that this topic was not brought forth by Murphy. Morgan asked who did then. James stated that he did. James and Stuchlak participate on the Golden Sands Resource committee and this issue was brought up within this organization. There are 9 counties involved on the Golden Sands RC&D. These other counties have voted unanimously for this proposal for changing the process. Basically stated this process is supposed to provide a more “common sense” approach by the DNR when issuing permits for high capacity wells.

Motion made by Morgan/Bork to table this topic.

Wildlife Abatement and Claims report and possible action. None

NRCS report and possible action. None

L&WC Department report and possible action. A request was made by James to provide the committee by next meeting a summary of what funds are available/from who and what they can be used for.

Central Wisconsin Windshed partners report and possible action. Next meeting is Monday, December 17, 2012 at 9:30a.m.

Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development report and possible action. Next meeting is Jan 17, 2013.

USDA Farm Services Agency report and possible action. None

Financial report—Overall the LW&CD account should have between \$1,000- \$2,000 left at the end of the year. (Once the car is sold) – the Ford Escort was listed on the government auction site twice – Sebastiani mentioned that we should place it on the site again.

Motion to approve the financial report was made by James/Stuchlak. Passed unanimously.

Discuss and possible action on 2013 budget revision – final DATCP allocation received. The DATCP allocation came in \$13,850 more than what we anticipated for operating expenses than what we budgeted for. Murphy stated that we will lose this amount plus more next year. Murphy is proposing that we buy our computer licensing for the next 3 years with this extra money. A motion was made by James/Licitar to approve the \$13,850 to go towards computer licensing for the next three years.

Trena Larson stated that this would need to go before the Administrative/Finance Committee in Jan 2013 so they can approve the budget revision. Passed unanimously.

Discuss and possible action on SWRMP cost share agreement for Sylvia Gatza, John Wallendal, and Ed Burdick. Sibilsky presented the amounts for each of the projects. These projects were not able to be completed in 2012 so they will be extended into 2013. The projects consist of streambank protection on the Wisconsin River and Nutrient Management Plans. Motion was made by James/Morgan to approve the cost share agreements as presented. Passed unanimously.

Discuss and possible action on the resolution to support 2013-2015 proposal of Wisconsin Lakes Partnership for control of Aquatic Invasive Species in Inland Waters. This was another issue brought up by the Golden Sands RC&D. Murphy did not bring this forward. Discussion occurred. Motion was made by James/Licitar to approve the AIS grant. Passed unanimously.

Discuss and possible action on the resolution to support continued State and Federal Funding for the grazing lands conservation initiative (GLCI) This topic was not brought forth by Murphy. The benefits of grazing were discussed. This is an effort to keep the money to utilize it for education of the benefits of grazing. Motion was made by James/Licitar to approve this initiative. Passed unanimously.

Communications. A handout was provided in the packet describing DATCP's Preliminary Allocation. Murphy stated he would like to send a letter to DATCP requesting to allocate monies to nutrient management. Stuchlak stated it would be nice to see some of the money actually be allocated to Adams County. The committee stated that it would be a good idea to send the letter and give them a copy.

Items for next month's Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting: Report on Vorticity Investigation for Tri-Lakes Dams, and Discuss and possible action on 2013 LWCD Plan of Operations.

Next meeting date is January 14, 2013 at 1:00pm in room A231

Motion to Adjourn by James/Licitar at 4:00p.m. - Passed Unanimously.