

Land & Water and Resource and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 1:00 p.m. Adams County Courthouse, County Board Room/A231

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Morgan at 1:00 p.m.  
The meeting was properly announced.

Roll call: Morgan, Karch, Pisellini, Wysocky, Bork, and Repinski sitting in for Nickel. Excused: Johnson. Also present: Bradley, Phillippi, DeSmith, Arenson, Sedlar, Swensen, Voss, Dampier, Edwards, Klaus (SAYL), Don Yastad, Bob Benkowski at 1:18 p.m.

The Pledge of allegiance was said.

Motioned by Karch/Pisellini to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motioned by Wysocky/Karch to approve minutes from August 8, 2017 Land and Water and Resource and Recreation Committee Meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Abstaining: Repinski.

Public participation: Taken as needed.

**Committee to discuss and/or take action on the following University of Wisconsin Extension agenda items:**

Raising a Thinking Child Impact Report – Sue Allen provided a written and verbal report. Allen explained social emotion learning soft skills; for every \$1 spent, there is an \$11 in savings down the road in interventional treatment. There will be classes on Tuesday morning in Oxford and Monday evenings at the lighted school house.

DeSmith provided a written and verbal report. DeSmith provided a brief update on the Foodwise program. 15 shopping tours have been completed; 3 more are scheduled, Fitwise exercise classes were held at Friendship connections and the Community Center.

Water testing data goes to Stevens Point. Pisellini is interested in numbers on local wells and agricultural wells, requesting data for the next meeting.

Review of the August monthly report took place.

Review of the August financial statement and check summary took place. 67% of the year has passed, and 50% of budget is gone, the summer interim position ended and the department is waiting on reimbursement of 60% of the cost of the position.

nEXT Generation update was provided by Dampier. They are working on support staff job descriptions as they are outdated. There is an internal audit being performed, related to civil rights, Adams is up for review. Dampier will be working with volunteer groups this fall. The 5 county area is at different steps in their budget process. The 5 counties are identified as Green Lake, Waushara, Marquette, Juneau and Adams. UW started approving position; the first round will be internal hiring, and second round will be external hiring. There is a county operations work group of 22 who are working through challenges/concerns relating to department head model changeover to director model. Any concerns regarding operation/business changes should be addressed to Dampier. UW is working on language for MOU's to identify the relationship between counties and UW system.

2018 Budget Update – They are working on meeting the boards goals, striving for status quo, the budget will be presented to Administrative and Finance on Monday.

Communications - None

**Committee to discuss and/or take action on the following Land & Water Conservation Department agenda items:**

Report on USDA-APHIS - None

Report on USDA-NRCS - None

Report on USDA-FSA – Bork provided an update. Weather conditions are affecting pricing with flooding in Illinois, resulting in 2 and 3 plantings, drought in South/North Dakota and Idaho, and hurricanes. Cotton yield per acre production is up. Corn/Beans estimate per bushel price to go down. Reduce production - financial status is roughly .50 cents per bushel. Cranberries need to reduce yield. Organic transition is required 3 years, until the 3 years is complete, they do not receive organic status.

Report on WDNR – Sedlar reported that Terry Wilson will be replacing Austin.

Report on Golden Sands RC&D – Pisellini stated the meeting will be September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Report on LWCD – Sedlar and Sibilsky attended manure pipeline training at Wallendal Farms.

Methane/digester, transitioning to organic processes was discussed.

Discuss/act on Committee members attending LWLWCA Summer-Fall Tour: Motioned by Karch/Wysocky to pay fees/costs of those attending LWLWCA Summer Conference. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discuss Friendship Lake District MOU – to be placed on next month's agenda. Additional items to include in MOU: Mandate us as additionally insured, they provide certificate of insurance

Discuss 2018 LWCD budget – budget primarily the same as submitted, drone was the only item change – Sedlar will work with law enforcement to coordinate use of their drone.

Discuss/act on financial report – Report doesn't reflect all dam repairs, bills will be coming in, it is anticipated the costs will be less than expected.

Sedlar presented a power point on the Fawn Lake Dam Project. The project went very well.

Discuss communications – Sedlar will send email to confirm the committees email addresses, the department is working with NCRPC to help complete 9 key element plan/grant. The 18<sup>th</sup> is the Drainage meeting at the courthouse at 9:30 a.m.

Next meeting date: October 10, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., the Community Center.

Motioned by Repinski/Karch to adjourn at 2:26 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Phillippi

Recording Secretary

These minutes have been approved.