

**LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2014 – 1:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM A-231**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Al Sebastiani, Chair, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was properly announced.

Attending: Al Sebastiani; Barb Morgan; Glenn Licitar; Joe Stuchlak; Kevin Bork; Heidi Roekle; Wally Sedlar; Reesa Evans; Chuck Sibilsky; and Michelle Harrison, recording secretary. Terry James was excused.

Sebastiani stated to amend the agenda by removing item 13. Motion by Roekle/Morgan to approve the Agenda with amendments. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Licitar/Stuchlak, to approve the Minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public participation as we go.

**Report on NRCS** – Michelle Komiskey reported that their programs are on hold due to the new Farm Bill. At this point they are not sure what will be funded for this year.

**Wildlife Abatement and Claims-** Barry Benson handed out a summary of the 2013 deer damages. Total payable claims for Adams County are \$10,480.39. This number is about \$7,000 down from last year. Discussion took place. Motion was made by Stuchlak/Bork to pay the four claims totaling \$10,480.39 for Adams County.

**WNDR-** none

**Report on L&WC department activities-** report in packet. There were questions on the meeting with the DNR for Mason Lake. Summary was given on meeting. More information is needed to be gathered in regards to the watershed. The New Chester bio-digester is being reviewed by DATCP. Farmer nutrient training was well attended. Motion by Morgan/Licitar to approve the Land & Water report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Report on Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners-** none

**Report on Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development-** Stuchlak attended the meeting and gave a report. Stuchlak stated that other counties that utilize Golden Sands are receiving more funding than Adams County. He would like to see Adams County utilize more of the funding.

**Report on USDA Farm Services Agency-** Bork reported that the Farm Bill is for 5 years. He stated that most of the funds for the Farm Bill will go towards SNAP/Food stamp program.

**Report on Duck Creek Activities-** Bill Euclide gave a report on the Duck Creek Watershed advisory group meeting. He gave a summary of the WDNR's presentation. The next meeting will be Feb 13, 2014 at 5:30p.m. and their key speaker will be Gini Knight speaking about 590 Nutrient practices.

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**Financial report-** Sedlar stated that in the Finance meeting they passed a budget revision for the Waterfront packets for \$3000 and the budget revision for the purchase of the new vehicle. The committee reviewed the financial report. Discussion took place. Stuchlak asked about the end of the year report. Sedlar stated that he is still ironing out some of the balances. Motion made by Roekle/Stuchlak to approve the financials. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Discuss and/or act on Proclamation of Celebration of Grasslands month.** April is the month designated for this celebration due to the prairie chickens. Discussion occurred. Motion made by Stuchlak/Roekle to approve the proclamation of celebration of grasslands month. A resolution is needed.

**Discuss and/or act on resolution to apply for WDNR Aquatic Invasive Species Grant.** Discussion occurred. \$29,000 will need to be budgeted for 2015. Motion made by Roekle/Licitar to approve the resolution to apply for the WDNR AIS Grant. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Discuss and/or act on cost share agreements.** Sibilsky presented 3 cost share agreements that are currently in the works. He will need them signed prior to the next meeting. He asked the committee if he could present them to the chair to be signed prior to the meeting. Discussion took place. Adams County Parks, John Kastern and Cheryl Hasse are the 3 projects requesting funds. Motion made by Stuchlak/Morgan to allow the chair to approve the 3 cost shares presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Discuss and/or act on Unemployment for 2014.** Sedlar asked that since there was money left over in salaries from 2013 if that money could be transferred over to be used for the unemployment claim that has come through for our department. The committee asked Sedlar to check into some things and report back.

**Discuss and/or act on reclassification for Program Coordinator's position.** Sedlar asked the committee what was taking place with the reclassification of the new position, Program Coordinator. He stated that the job description has changed significantly. He added that he would like the employee to be able to do more than what is listed in the job description; there are more opportunities that exist in the field. Discussion occurred. The committee told Sedlar to complete the necessary paperwork that is being requested for the WIPHLI Study and report to the scheduled finance committee on March 10, 2014.

**Communications:** The Wisconsin River Symposium is taking place this Friday in Stevens Point.

The next meeting is set for March 10, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion at 1:55 p.m. by Roekle/Morgan to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Harrison  
Recording Secretary

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