

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Approved

June 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Courthouse Conference Room: A231

Sebastiani called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m.

Roll call showed all present: Committee Members: Chair, Al Sebastiani, Vice Chair, Glenn Licitar, Joe Stuchlak, Terry James, Heidi Roekle, Kevin Bork, Barb Morgan, and acting Department Head/Director of Finance, Trena Larson. Land and Water Employees; Chuck Sibilsky, Resource Conservationist, Reesa Evans, Lake Specialist, Recording Secretary, Michelle Harrison.

Harrison stated that the meeting was properly announced.

Motion by James/Roekle to approve the agenda. Question was asked why line item 14 was struck. It was explained that the county will still be involved in the stream base flow and lake level project but Adams County will no longer be facilitating the entire project. Motion carried.

Motion made by Licitar/Morgan to approve the minutes for May 13, and May 21, 2013. Motion carried.

Public participation as we go.

Wildlife Abatement and Claims report and possible action. None

NRCS report and possible action. Komiskey reported that they are still looking for landowner/operators to take part in the Stewardship program. She reported that they have made staff changes in their office. CRP general sign up deadline is Friday, June 14, 2013.

WDNR report and possible action. None

Discuss and possible action on L&WC Department report. Harrison reported that the tree & shrub sale came in just under budget. Sibilsky reported that many construction projects have been on hold due to the weather/rain. Evans reported that she is working on the BRC inventory project.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners report and possible action. None

Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development report and possible action. Administrative issues were discussed at the last meeting as well as two new members have been appointed.

USDA Farm Services Agency report. None

Financial report. Discussion took place in regards to maintenance of vehicles.

Update from Golden Sands RC&D Agronomist. Wally Sedlar, the agronomist, introduced himself and reported that he will be working with about 20 landowners on nutrient management issues.

Discuss and possible action on vehicle repair budget line item. It was explained that due to the repairs needed on the 2005 Chevy Truck that we have gone over the budgeted amount. It was decided that this issue would be revisited in October/November and if need be a revision to the budget can be done at that time.

Discuss and possible action on changing a term on resolution from LTE to Intern position for Big Roche A Cri Inventory project. Discussion took place on whether to change the term from LTE to Intern for the two positions. There was concern about the time frame and if by changing the term it would prolong the process. It was determined that it would not prolong the process. Either way it needed to go in front of the Executive Committee and then the County Board. Motion made by Roekle/Licitar to change the term from LTE to Intern for the Big Roche a Cri Inventory project. Motion carried.

Discuss and possible action on Lake Protection Cost share agreement. Sibilsky reported that he has a cost share agreement for Chuck Hanson, requesting the amount of \$6002.98 which is 75% of the total cost of the project. This is for a riparian buffer on Lake Camelot with 98 linear feet of shore. Motion made by Morgan/Roekle to approve the cost share agreement for Chuck Hanson. Motion carried.

Discuss and possible action on Cottonville Dam/Lease. Pheiffer explained to the committee that he would like to get out of his lease with the county for the Cottonville Dam. He found the Shanak Foundry Machine Co that is interested in taking over the lease. Robert and Ed Shanak stated that they are interested in updating and computerizing the operations. They would be interested in doing a 25-30 year lease with the understanding that if they wanted to have someone within their family take over the lease that they would not have to go through having to redo the lease again.

Motion was made by Roekle/Stuchlak to move forward with changing over the lease to the Shanak Co.

Discussion took place in regards to seeking additional legal counsel in order to move forward with this change over. Motion carried.

Discuss and possible action on filling the Vacant County Conservationist position and future department operations. There was discussion in regards to consolidating the two departments. It was stated that June 13, 2013 the transitional committee would be meeting as an organizational meeting. Committee stated to add this item as a continual agenda item for next month's agenda.

Motion made by James/Stuchlak to take a 10 min recess at 2:25p.m. Motion carried.

Chair Sebastiani called the meeting back to order at 2:32p.m.

Motion made by Stuchlak/Licitar to deviate from the agenda as listed, to proceed with item 17 and 18 and then address 16 and 19. Motion carried.

Discuss and possible action on revisions needed for resolution on the process for permitting high capacity wells. The revisions are as follows; Line 9 added; To *encourage the WDNR, and Line 43 change from approves to recommends.* Motion made by James/Licitar to approve the changes to the high capacity well resolution. Roll call vote showed all yes except for Stuchlak and Morgan no. Motion carried.

Communications- A letter from the Adams County Lake Alliance was handed out and read. This letter encourages the separation of the Land and Water Conservation Department. Another hand out was given out in regards to Thistle Dairy being fined by the WDNR for pollution violations. Discussion took place on the Natural Resource Account and the funding options.

Discuss and possible action for DNR Permit for buoys for Vorticity hazard on the Tri-Lakes.

Motion made by James/Stuchlak at 2:55 p.m. to move into closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) for conferring with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Motion carried.

Motion made by Roekle/Morgan at 3:28p.m. to return to open session per WI Statute 19.85 (1)(A) to take any action as necessary and appropriate on the closed session item and address the remaining agenda items.

Motion made by Stuchlak/Roekle to remove the buoys if necessary on Cottonville Lake and the Tri-Lakes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Roekle/Licitar at 3:32p.m. to move into closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1) (c) for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(f) for the preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where paragraph (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any persons referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Motion carried.

Motion made by James/Roekle at 4:04 to return to open session per WI Statute 19.85 (1)(A) to take any action as necessary and appropriate on the closed session item and address the remaining agenda items. No action taken.

Items for next month's Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting: Discuss and/or approve filling county conservation position.

Next meeting date: July 8, 2013 at 1:00p.m. Motion by Roekle/Licitar to adjourn at 4:05p.m. Motion carried.