

**Land & Water AND Resource and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2016, 1:00 p.m., Room A231**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morgan at 1:00 p.m.
The meeting was properly noticed. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Motioned by Wysocky/Pisellini to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
Roll call: Johnson, Wysocky, Pisellini, Morgan and Kevin Bork. Nickel and Onufry Karch excused.
Also present, Wally Sedlar and Kay Olson-Martz.

Motioned by Wysocky/Pisellini to approve minutes of July 12th, 2016. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public participation was allowed throughout the meeting.

No reports on Wildlife Abatement, WDNR and USDA Farm Services Agency were available.
Sedlar reported on NRCS deadline for the EQUIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) as being Sept 2, 2016.

Report on L&WC Department activities were provided in writing with agenda materials.

Verbal report on Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners indicated Stan resigned in June, the position is in the budget to be filled, update on windbreaks as well as some history on the subject, Dick Colby will be done this year and Dec 12th is the next meeting.

Verbal report on Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development indicating no new projects, they will be continuing to work on a 3 year stream plan, their next meeting will be Sept 15th, PACRS update regarding joint ventures with farm led groups working cooperatively on algae blooms, their next meeting is the 19th of August at the Lure Bar & Grill.

Verbal report from Sedlar indicated that Arrowhead actuator was in, water levels are decreasing, Camelot and Sherwood levels are okay.

Youth poster and speaking contests, conservation camps, and Envirothon events are all being worked on. Hannah is reaching out to schools; there seems to be a lot of interest. There is a need for volunteers for the camp programs.

Discussion regarding the Woods violation Animal Waste Management Ordinance issue; continued from last meeting. They have been granted a continuation by the courts; Sedlar said he felt there was a way to resolve this issue, but the situation will continue if the pit is not managed correctly.

Conservation Observance Day will be August 26, 2016 at the Meurer Farm in Chilton.

Soil and Water Resource Management Program cost share agreements were discussed.
Motioned by Bork/Pisellini to approve the cost share/shoreland protection agreement for a total cost of \$21,718.14, cost share being \$10,859.07. Motion to approve carried by unanimous voice vote.

Sedlar explained that the invoice from Xylem Corporation satellite subscription services, which is past due, are from fees relating back to 2014. Receivers on some dams are not working, or have been disconnected. It appears that only one may be functioning. To have the company come and look at what we have would cost \$85.00; this is not including fixing the receivers that are not working. The company was known as Global Water around 2008, then there were some updates in 2011 for an approximate amount of \$6,700. Motioned by Pisellini/Bork not to pay invoice until further confirmation is provided regarding services and the delay in the billing, etc. Sedlar to have corporation counsel further look into this and determine what, if any, obligation we have to pay. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There is a request to drawdown Easton Lake in the fall of 2016. The Easton Lake District has provided a check in the amount of \$500.00. A permit from the DNR, which takes 30 days to obtain, is required prior to drawdown; a notice in the paper is also required, which the District will pay for. The intent would be to start the process no later than Oct 5th, 2016, which will continue thru May of 2017. 4,000 carp have been removed, however, no vegetation is growing; the object is to get vegetation to grow. Motioned by Bork/Wysocky to work with the Lake District and proceed with the drawdown. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Aquatic Invasive Species Grant funding of 52% is going away. Nothing has been received for next year yet. The position affiliated with this grant has been placed in the 2017 budget at 100%. The 2016 budgeted hours consist of 19 hours. Three options were discussed regarding this position. It was suggested to check with Golden Sands for contracting services of this nature; Golden Sands has resources they offer, which may be of value to Adams County. Combining the AIS position with the Dam operator position in 2017, making one full-time position was a suggestion.

Motioned by Pisellini/Bork to fund the position in full for 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote. Voting yes, Pisellini, Wysocky, Bork and Johnson. Voting no, Morgan.

Motioned by Bork/Wysocky to contact the Lakes Association, as well as Golden Sands, to see if they will provide assistance, a contracted service and to, also, pursue combining the AIS position with the Dam operator position for 2017. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

1:45 p.m. Present: Evan Henthorne, Sue Allen, Angela DeSmith and Becky Gutzman.

2017 Land and Water budget was provided. Motioned by Johnson/Pisellini to approve the budget and move forward. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Land and Water financial report was provided.

Communications consisted of an update on safety training regarding confined space. The department is currently working with Mark from MEUW to come into compliance regarding Dam confined space items. Motioned by Pisellini/Wysocky to continue to pursue and resolve safety issues. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Nickel present at 1:48 p.m.

RECESS: Motioned by Pisellini/Johnson to recess at 1:48 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

RECONVENE: Chairman Morgan called the meeting back to order at 2:00 p.m. Motioned by Pisellini/Wysocky to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Excused: Bork

Minutes of July 12th need to reflect Oct 15th as an ending date for Gutzman.

Next meeting date will be September 13th at the Community Center, starting at 1:00 p.m.

Also present: Swensen and Arneson.

Monthly reports and financial statements were provided in the packet; there were no questions.

2017 Budget overview was provided by Swensen. Swensen explained that it was suggested to leave staffing levels as they previously were budgeted in 2016, for 2017.

Motioned by Nickel to eliminate part-time position in the appropriate account, reduce the 133 contracts in account 316 to realistic numbers of \$56,154 to also include the social security and retirement reductions accordingly for all positions. Motion failed for lack of second.

Motioned by Johnson/Wysocky to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Voting yes, Morgan, Johnson, Wysocky and Pisellini. Voting no, Nickel.

Staffing Updates: Aug 19th will be the posting for the Ag Agent position.

nEXT Generation Update

Chancellor Sandeen and Aaron Brower did an onsite visit at the Extension office. Swensen is a co-chair to the volunteer work group related to nEXT Generation.

Community Center communications are all going well.

Motioned by Johnson/Wysocky to approve the annual 133 Contract for State Employees. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Next meeting date: September 13th, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m., Community Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Phillippi
Recording Secretary

These minutes have been approved.

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