

**Planning and Development Committee Minutes**  
**March 7, 2008**

**Present:** Al Sebastiani, Chair, Sylvia Breene, Richard Colby, Fran Dehmlow, Glenn Licitar, Robert Dixon, and Mike Keckeisen. Also present Chris Murphy, County Conservationist; Patrick Gatterman, Conservation Engineering Technician; Reesa Evans, Lake Specialist; Chuck Sibilsky, Resource Conservationist; Renee Julseth, Conservation Clerk

**Meeting Called to Order:** Al Sebastiani called the business meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Colby, Second by Dixon to approve agenda, motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Colby, Second by Licitar to approve February 2008 minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

**Chris Murphy presented two resolutions one for reconstruction, the other for removal of the Easton Dam. Discussion occurred. Motion by Keckeisen, Second by Colby to approve the resolution to transfer \$80,000 from the General Fund for the purpose of developing designs, plans and cost estimate for reconstruction of the Easton Dam with the Road, and restoring the morphology of Easton Lake and improve shore lands to meet state and federal laws.**

**Discussion continued which resulted in a motion by Keckeisen, Second by Colby to amend the "Intent & Synopsis" & "Be It Further Resolved" to include the following language: Adams Land & Water Conservation Department to serve as Project Design & Plan Manager. A roll call vote was then taken on the amended resolution with 7 voting Yes; Keckeisen, Dehmlow, Breene, Sabastiani, Dixon, Colby & Licitar.**

***Land and Water Conservation Department:***

- a) **Wildlife Abatement & Claims Program report** - Barry Benson addressed the committee regarding several claims that needed to be finished up. Motion by Colby, Second by Dixon to approve payment for Tony Nepshaw; Motion passed unanimously. Next was a denial for Bruce Marti and Dan Hoffa. Motion by Keckeisen, Second by Breene to deny claims for Marti and Hoffa. Barry reported that he was denying claims from Ken Nichols, due to not meeting criteria. Motion by Keckeisen, Second by Breene to deny Ken Nichols claims. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Colby, Second by Keckeisen to approve Kurt Kreger claims. Motion passed unanimously. Barry made a mistake on a claim form for Peter Lucas that was submitted and passed during the last meeting, he omitted the soybeans, so he was asking for a motion to approve Peter Lucas's claim including the Soybeans. Motion by Colby, Second by Licitar to approve Peter Lucas's revised Claim form. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) **WI Dept Natural Resource report** – None
- c) **USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services report** - None
- d) **North Central Land & Water Conservation Association report** – None
- e) **USDA Farm Services Agency report** – Colby gave report on Farm Bill
- f) **Golden Sands Rural Conservation & Development report** - Reesa reported about next meeting and budget issues.
- g) **Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners** – Discussion was held regarding living snow fences. Committee requested a County Wide Living Snow fence program proposal. Proposal will be developed and brought back to the committee at a later date.

- h) **Staff reports** – Chuck, Reesa, Renee and Chris all gave reports of ongoing activities and project goals for April
- i) **Travel and training requests, discussion and possible action.** Travel expenses submitted and approved by Committee.
- j) **Review and possible action on Lake Protection Grant cost share contracts.** None
- k) **Review and possible action on Soil and Water Resource Management cost share contracts** None
- l) **Discuss & possible action on 2008 Soil & Water Resource Management Plan allocation policy** Chuck presented proposed projects. Motion by Colby, Second by Keckeisen to approve Soil & Water Resource Program Projects. Motion passed unanimously.
- m) **Correspondence** Chris reported about an email from Marlin Schneider regarding senate bill 197, letter from NRCS regarding NRCS not able to charge engineer fees, and a letter from DNR regarding a Deer Management meeting.
- n) **Financial Report** Chris explained to the committee about not having the vouchers for them to sign anymore, and that they will in return have a monthly statement report of the bills that we have sent out. Motion by Dixon, Second by Licitar to approve Financial Report. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Participation:** On behalf of a resident Al Sebastiani expressed their concern about the LWCD department being more regulatory rather than educational and asked Chris to address the concern. Chris replied that we have never been strictly educational, rather mostly technical. We are 80% technical oriented with education as a component. Chris said in terms of the regulatory issues, because the regulatory department and agencies are not stepping up and getting the job done we felt that we've had to take it on. Our number one goal is to protect water quality and our natural resources. Chris stated if we are being viewed as too much regulatory, I guess I will live with it, in the name of protecting the natural resources. Chris explained, we are trying to be more involved in the schools, and because of being able to get a Resource Conservationist, we are able to distribute the work load in a fashion that the rest of the staff is not overwhelmed with other priorities. Chris stated it is in our plan of operations to incorporate the schools in our projects.

## **Register of Deeds**

**Jodi was not present for the Register of Deeds.**

### **Items for February P & D Committee Meeting:**

**Next Meeting Date:** April 14, 2008 9:00 a.m.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Colby, Second by Licitar. Motion carried unanimously.

These minutes have not been approved by the committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Sebastiani, Chair  
Planning & Development Committee

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