

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEES

*Door County Government Center
Chambers Room, 1st floor
421 Nebraska Street, Sturgeon Bay*

Oversight for Soil & Water Conservation Department

1. **Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.** by Chair Ken Fisher.
2. **Establish a Quorum - Roll Call**
Members present: Dan Austad, Vinni Chomeau, Ken Fisher, Randy Halstead, John Neinas, Mike Vandenhouten, and Richard Virlee.
Others present: Erin Hanson and Beth Hanson – SWCD, Present for a portion of a meeting: Greg Coulthurst, Brian Forest, Krista Lutzke, and Kevin Seng – SWCD; Ken Pabich – County Administrator, and members of the public.
3. **Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed:** Motion by Dan Austad, seconded by Randy Halstead to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion carried.
4. **Approve Minutes:** Richard Virlee made a motion, seconded by Mike Vandenhouten, to approve the May 9, 2019 Land Conservation Committee meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Supervisor Response:** None
7. **Invasive Species Control Program**
 - 7.1. Krista Lutzke explained the Cooperative Weed Management Area Grant from the US Forest Service is to provide education and outreach on terrestrial invasive species on private properties and right of ways, as well as provide treatment. Dan Austad made a motion, seconded by Vinni Chomeau, to approve and forward to County Board the Approval of United State Forest Service Cooperative Weed Management Area Grant for Invasive Species Education and Control resolution in the amount of \$40,000. Motion carried.
 - 7.2. Krista Lutzke reported that DNR has offered a donation of \$4,200 from the Prohibited and Early Detection Invasive Plant (PEDIP) funding to provide equipment, monitoring, and control of the invasive species Black swallow-wort. Vinni Chomeau made a motion, seconded by Randy Halstead, to approve and forward to County Board the Approval of Donation for Prohibited Invasive Species Management resolution in the amount of \$4,200. Discussion followed. Motion carried.
8. **Dunes Lake Restoration Program**
 - 8.1. Greg Coulthurst provided an update on Phase II of the Dunes Lake Restoration program. To date the funding status includes Ducks Unlimited with \$350,000 on hand and a pending grant of \$700,000; SWCD has a pending grant of \$100,000, totaling \$1.1 million in funds; the estimate to complete the project is approximately \$1.2 million. Coulthurst reported that designs for the dewatering basin and bid package are in progress with a likely installation of next spring, currently working on all the permits needed. Coulthurst has provided 3 tours of the lake and one more is scheduled and a pair of trumpeter swans were seen utilizing the dredged area.
9. **Draft Upper Ahnapee River Watershed Plan**

Brian Forest explained the 9 Key Element plan was prepared as part of a WDNR grant and provided an overview of the report. Data in the upper Ahnapee River watershed was collected to determine land use, water chemistry, identify sources of phosphorus and sediment and to develop water quality goals and projected costs. The report has been submitted to DNR and waiting comments. Discussion followed.
10. **Notice of Discharge**
 - 10.1. Erin Hanson reviewed the DNR NOD/Door County grant in the amount of \$182,255 for water quality best management practices at the Center Road Heifers – Michael Kruswick site. Mike Vandenhouten made a motion, seconded by Richard Virlee, to approve and forward to County Board the Approval of Gift, Grant

and/or Donation – Water Quality Notice of Discharge – SWCD resolution in the amount of \$182,255.

Motion carried.

- 10.2. Randy Halstead made a motion, seconded by Dan Austad, to provide preliminary approval of the DNR Notice of Discharge Grant cost-share agreement with Brey Cycle Farms (Michael & Peggy Kruswick-landowners) in the amount of \$173,142.20. Motion carried.

11. Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Program

- 11.1. Vinni Chomeau made a motion, seconded by Dan Austad, providing preliminary approval for Soil & Water Resource Management cost-share agreements with Norman & Jean Malvtz in the amount of \$494.00 and Norman & Jean Malvtz (landowners - Larry Smith & Diane Magolan Trust) in the amount of \$1,110.00, for nutrient management and for Bryan Nebel in the amount of \$6,391.00 and Sara Lardo in the amount of \$21,100.96 for best management practices pending landowner signatures. Motion carried.

12. SWCD Water Pollution Abatement Cost-share Program

- 12.1. Erin Hanson reported that preliminary approval was given for County cost-share application with Bob Pavic in the amount of \$750 for well abandonment.

13. Area & State Conservation Association

- 13.1. Ken Fisher and Dan Austad reported on the May 17, 2019 LMALWCA Spring Conference held in Sheboygan County.
13.2. John Neinas made a motion, seconded by Randy Halstead, approving LCC members to attend the LMALWCA Summer Tour on July 26, 2019 in Oconto County. Motion carried.

14. Correspondence: Erin Hanson reviewed correspondence included in packet.

- 14.1. Restoring Dunes Lake, Door County Living Magazine, Early Summer 2019
14.2. NFWF 2016 Conservation Partners Program Final Report – Phosphorus Reduction in the Sugar, Silver, and Renard Creek Watersheds
Brian Forest reviewed the final report explaining the information included and how this report relates to other grants.
14.3. Wisconsin Land + Water “The Note” Summer 2019
14.4. June 2019 DATCP Reports

15. Vouchers, Claims and Bills: A listing was provided.

16. Future Agenda Items: Dan Austad requested a Forestville Millpond update.

17. Next Meeting Date: September 12, 2019, 8:30 a.m. – Regular LCC Meeting

17. Meeting Per Diem Code: 687

18. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Vinni Chomeau, seconded by Randy Halstead at 12:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Hanson, SWCD Administrative Assistant