



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

September 10, 2009

8:30am – 10:40am

Courthouse, Demonstration Room
Green Lake, WI

Call to order: The meeting of the Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman Stoddard. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Michael Stoddard, Chairman
Thomas Traxler, Jr.
Susan McConnell
Maureen Schweder
Wallace Williams
Pamela Schure, FSA Member

Also Present: Steve Krueger, USDA-APHIS
Joe Smedberg, USDA-NRCS
James A. Hebbe, County Conservationist
Brenda Sondalle, Administrative Assistant

Agenda: *Motion (McConnell/Traxler)* to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes: *Motion (Williams/Schure)* to approve and file the August 13, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Appearances: Steve Krueger, USDA-APHIS, updated on changes made to the 2009 Wildlife Damage Program with the Governor's June signing of the state budget. Claim deductibles will increase from \$250 to \$500 and maximum claim payments will decrease from \$15,000 to \$10,000. These changes will affect 2009 damage claims regardless of when cooperators signed up into the program.

Krueger also presented the 2010 preliminary budget. *Motion (McConnell/Schweder)* to approve the 2010 Wildlife Damage Program preliminary budget as presented. Motion carried.

Joe Smedberg, USDA-NRCS, announced the new nationwide CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) which rewards farmers for good conservation work.

Staff Reports: A written staff report was reviewed by Hebbe. A request was made to improve the exhaust fans in the land & water building which houses rabbits and poultry during the county fair. The fair committee will be in charge of this project. There will be no expense to the LCD.

Lake Reports:

Little Green Lake: Completion of the embankment pond outlet project and payment arrangements of the outlet project should be resolved soon. The proposal is to fund 70% of the outlet project with LWRM cost-sharing, with 30% of the outlet on the Town of Green Lake's property being paid for by the

Town and 30% of the project on the Aicher and Zauner properties being paid for by the Little Green Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District.

Puckaway: Staff recently met with the lake study committee.

2010 Budget: The budget was submitted to the Finance Committee as directed with a 0% increase before personnel costs. Hebbe is invited to the September 10th Finance Committee meeting to review the budget.

2009 Plat Book: Hebbe updated on the plat book situation. **Motion (Traxler/McConnell)** that legal counsel draft a letter to pursue a refund of the funds paid to date and a release of copyright of the digital files. Motion carried.

Update Cost-Containment Procedures for DATCP-LWRM Funds: Traxler and McConnell felt that county businesses should have the opportunity to bid on projects costing over \$5,000. A nonrefundable bidder's fee could be charged for bid packets with the LCC reviewing and awarding bids.

DATCP/County Cost-Share Contract Approvals: **Motion (Williams/McConnell)** to approve DATCP cost-share contracts as follows:

Progressive Rod & Gun Club, Streambank & Shoreline Protection, \$4,200 (Fox River-Berlin Watershed);

David & Teresa Wilke, Waterway System, \$2,863 (Upper Grand River Watershed)

Motion carried.

Conservation Plan Approvals: none

Meetings/Attendance Approval: Hebbe will be attending the County Conservationist meeting Sept. 11 in Stevens Point.

Vouchers: **Motion (McConnell/Schure)** to approve vouchers as presented in the amount of \$29,438.79. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Austin Haedt, youth camp attendee

Committee Discussion and Future Agenda Items: none

Next Meeting Date: The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 8:30am in the Demonstration Room of the Courthouse in Green Lake.

Adjourn: **Motion (McConnell/Williams)** to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sondalle
Recorder