



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
April 10, 2014

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman Michael Stoddard at 7:30AM on April 10, 2014 in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Michael Stoddard, Chair
Maureen Schweder, Vice-Chair
Ben Moderow
Harley Reabe
Nick Toney
Arnold Dahlke, Jr., FSA Member

Staff Present: Paul Gunderson

Others Present: Nan Hanson
Caleb Zahn – NRCS
Marge Bostelmann, Clerk
Tony Daley, Berlin Journal

AGENDA

Motion/second (Toney/Moderow) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Reabe/Toney) to approve and file the March 13, 2014 meeting minutes correcting spelling of “should” on page 2. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - none

APPEARANCES: none

MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

Written report was reviewed. FPP Certifications are coming in. Nutrient Management Checklists are being reviewed. Compliance checks are being done this year. Work load has been divided between all staff members.

Caleb Zahn Provided information on some of the changes on the Farm Bill. May 16th is the deadline for the Watershed - Conservation Stewardship project signups.

LAKE AND RIVER REPORT

Written report was reviewed. Kavanaugh is working on the Lake Puckaway project and also looking at freeze out of the lake.

DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS - none

LANDOWNER CONSERVATION PLANS – none

Joint DATCP./DNR Nonpoint Source Grant

Applications are due April 15th.

Plat Books

250 books were ordered with a credit of 50 books for a total of 300 books. The total cost to the County is \$4750, which includes a \$250.00 discount for paying at time of order. Lake maps and public lands are new this year in the books.

Gas Card

The department has BP gas cards and there is a problem with late fees. Gunderson suggested cancelling the BP card and getting a Kwik Trip card. Discussion was held. No action taken.

VOUCHERS

Motion/second (Reabe/Schweder) to approve vouchers totaling \$6374.44 as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – none

DEPARTMENT VACANCY DISCUSSION

81 applications were received for the Administrative Assistant position. Bostelmann, Reabe and Gunderson interviewed 10 applicants and narrowed it down to 3. The final three were interviewed by Reabe, Bostelmann, Gunderson and Stoddard. Heidi Weishaar was hired. She has worked at the Marquette County Land Conservation office part-time for 7 years, so she does have LCD experience. She will start on April 28th

26 applications were received for the Soil Conservations I position. Six applicants were interviewed by Reabe, Bostelmann and Gunderson and 3 finalists were selected. The 3 finalists were interviewed by Reabe, Bostelmann, Gunderson, Stoddard, Derek Kavanaugh and Todd Morris. Nikki Truymen was selected. She is currently as student at Fox Valley Tech and will graduate in mid-May. She can start part-time before that. A start date has not been determined.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion/second(Toney/Reabe) to go into closed session in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. This closed session relates to compensation for Administrative Assistant position. Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.

Motion/second(Harley/Toney) to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Motion/second(Reabe/Toney) to recommend to the Personnel Committee that the 6 month waiting period for vacation time for the Administrative Assistant in Land Conservation be waved. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Dahlke questioned the status on the contaminated wells in his area. Gunderson stated that he will be meeting with the DNR on Monday, April 14th to discuss a possible cause of the contamination. This will be put on the agenda for the next Committee meeting.

Future Meeting Dates: May 8, 2014, 7:30 AM in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake

Future Agenda Items:

ADJOURN

Motion/second (Toney/Dahlke) to adjourn at 8:30 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nan Hanson
Secretary