LAND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

John Lefebvre
Director

Greg Cleereman
Conservationist

Linda Christensen
Property Lister

AGENDA
LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, June 13th 2011
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Land Information Conference Room – C129

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approve agenda
3. Approve minutes of the May 9, 2011 and the May 31, 2011 meetings.
4. Public Comment - Any person desirous of addressing the Committee on any subject under the Committee's jurisdiction shall first obtain permission from the Committee Chairperson. All such addresses shall be limited to 5 minutes unless otherwise extended by the Committee Chairperson.
5. Reports by cooperating agencies. Action, if any.
   - NRCS – EQIP and CRP
   - FSA - FSA Budget and Update
   - UWEX – Report on programs
6. Discuss/consider entering into agreements with Hugh Guy Jr. Land Surveying and McGuire Land Surveying for perpetuation of PLSS monuments in danger of being destroyed by road construction activities. Action, if any.
7. Discuss/consider approval of Nolan Estates Subdivision located in Part of Gov't Lot 3 S4 T33N R19E, Town of Stephenson, Marinette County, Wisconsin. Action, if any.
8. Discuss/consider proposed amendments to Chapter 21 (Shoreland/Wetland Zoning) of the County Code of Ordinances specifically wetland setbacks, land division, and permit application requirements related to site plans. Action, if any.
9. Discuss/consider acceptance of Environmental Protection Agency Grant Award of $200,000 for a community wide 2011 Hazardous Substance Grant. Action, if any.
10. Discuss/consider Land Information Committee attendance to the Lake Michigan Land & Water Conservation Association Summer Tour in Oconto County on Friday, July 22, 2011. Action, if any.
11. Report(s) by Land Information Staff on Departmental programs and activities. Action, if any.
    - Phragmites
12. Correspondence. Action, if any. (Correspondence if not specifically listed below will be for information only)
13. Discuss/consider the May schedule of invoices. Action, if any.
14. Schedule next meeting – Monday, July 11, 2011
15. Identify possible items for discussion and consideration at the next meeting
16. Adjourn

Alice Baumgarten	Ted Sauve	Larry Nichols	Joe Policello
Jerry Pillath	John Guarisco	John Fendryk	County Clerk

NOTE: Agenda items may not be considered and acted upon in the order listed

If you are an individual with a disability and need a special accommodation while attending this meeting, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please notify the County Clerk, Marinette County Courthouse (715-732-7406) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in order to make suitable arrangements. Thank you. (TDD# 715-732-7760)

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MEETING OF THE LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011
COUNTY BOARD ROOM

Members Present: Ted Sauve, Alice Baumgarten, Larry Nichols, Joe Policello, John Guarisco and Jerry Pillath.

Excused: John Fendryk

Others Present: John Lefebvre, LID; Greg Cleereman, LID-LWC; Aleta DiRienzo, LID-LWC; Renee Miller, ROD; John Gilner, USDA-FSA; and the Peshtigo Times. Scott Reuss, UWEX was present for a portion of the meeting.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sauve at 9:00 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION (Nichols/Guarisco) to approve the May 9, 2011 agenda and addendum as presented. Motion carried no negative vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION (Guarisco/Policello) to approve the April 11, 2011 minutes as presented. Motion carried no negative vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

5. WELCOME TO REGISTER OF DEEDS
Renee Miller, Governors appointment as the Register of Deeds was introduced to the committee.

6. REPORTS BY COOPERATING AGENCIES
USDA-FSA – John Gilner gave a report on the status of Marinette County farming. The cold and wet spring has been a factor in getting the crops planted. He passed out a flyer showing the economic output of one dairy cow at $13,737. During the CRP signup there were 15 local people interested, but due to lack of crop history they were unable to participate. The budget has been cut and there is no money to operate well, the monthly committee meeting had to be canceled. In 2012, there most likely will be a

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reduction in staff. John stated that he was due to retire in the summer and then Gayle Tonn will handle both the Oconto and Marinette offices.

UWEX – Scott Reuss gave a report on the current crop status. He stated that Marinette County is in the best crop status this year compared to years past. As of Friday, May 6th there were more acres with crops in ground than the southern counties. This summer will be starting on Nutrient Management for 50 farms in Marinette County. Need to survey the farms and see how close to their plan for Nutrient Management they are. The maple syrup this year flowed really well but the sugar content wasn't as high. Took more sap to make the syrup. Breakfast on the farm is on June 26th at the Carlson Farm, there will be displays, good food for $6.00 for adults it is held from 7:30 to Noon.

7. LAKE MICHIGAN LAND & WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING
MOTION (Pillath/Nichols) to approve expenses and per-diem for committee members to attend the Lake Michigan Land & Water Conservation Association Spring Meeting on May 20th in Manitowoc. Motion carried no negative vote.

8. WILDLIFE DAMAGE BUDGET
MOTION (Guarisco/Baumgarten) to approve amending the Wildlife Damage Budget to reflect an increase in revenue (100-33-43583) from the WDNR for Disease, Insect and Animal Control (100-33-56300-576) expenditures of $7400. Motion carried no negative vote.

9. DONATIONS FOR SAND LAKE CONSERVATION CAMP
MOTION (Nichols/Policello) to accept a $500 donation from Wisconsin Public Service and $200 donation from Marinette Chapter of Trout Unlimited for Sand Lake Conservation Camp expenses. Motion carried no negative vote.

10. AMENDMENTS TO NR 115 (CHAPTER 21 SHORELAND/WETLAND ZONING)
The John Lefebvre, Land Information Director led a discussion on some of the changes to NR 115 that will affect Chapter 21 Shoreland/Wetland Zoning, County Code of Ordinances. These changes need to be in place by February 1, 2012. During the coming months there will be informational discussion regarding different changes to NR115. This month the three topics discussed were impervious surface, mitigation and non-conforming uses and structures.

11. RENUMBERING OF CHAPTER 19 FLOODPLAIN ZONING COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES
MOTION (Guarisco/Baumgarten) to recommend to the County Board the proposed Ordinance which will renumber the sections in Chapter 19 Floodplain Zoning, of the County Code of Ordinances. Motion carried no negative vote.

12. CORRESPONDANCE
    - More information (letters opposed and for, and a revised map of proposed campground development) was handed out regarding the White Family Trust Conditional Use Permit to the committee members.
    - WLWCA-WALCE (Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association-Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees) Ad Hoc Committee minutes looking into a merger between the two organizations were handed out.

13. REPORTS BY LAND INFORMATION STAFF ON DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- Supervisor Pillath questioned the Ruiz Operation and Manure Storage. Greg Cleereman, County Conservationist gave a report on how the manure management is working for the Ruiz Farm and that the problems have been rectified.
- Phragmites Control Project along the shores of Green Bay – Greg Cleereman, County Conservationist showed the Marinette County Website and the link to information regarding the control project, showing the GIS mapping of people that have responded yes or no to the spraying of Phragmites. The actual spraying will take place during August to October. There is an informational meeting on May 24 at Little River Country Club.
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Phosphorus Rule has been in effect since December 1, 2010. Governor Walker's budget proposed suspending the implementation for two years.

MOTION (Guarisco/Pillath) to go on record of opposing the proposal at the State level to suspend the implementation of the Phosphorus Rule for two years. Motion carried no negative vote.

14. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

Land Information Committee Meeting set for Monday, June 13, 2011 at the Courthouse. A special meeting for the White Family Trust Conditional Use Permit was tentatively set for Monday, June 27, 2011 in the County Board Room at 6:30 p.m.

Larry Nichols was excused from the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

15. APRIL SCHEDULE OF INVOICES

The April Schedule of Invoices ($14,107.70) was presented to the committee.

16. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

- NR 115
- Audio Recording of the Land Information Committee Meetings

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Pillath/Baumgarten) to adjourn 10:55 p.m. Motion carried, no negative vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Aleta DiRienzo

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Database Specialist/Program Assistant

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MEETING OF THE LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2011
LAND INFORMATION CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: Ted Sauve, Alice Baumgarten, Larry Nichols, Joe Policello, John Guarisco and Jerry Pillath.

Excused: John Fendryk

Others Present: John Lefebvre, LID; Greg Cleereman, LID-LWC; and Aleta DiRienzo, LID-LWC.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sauve at 8:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION (Guarisco/Pillath) to approve the May 31, 2011 agenda as presented. Motion carried no negative vote.

3. AMENDMENT OF APRIL 11, 2011 MINUTES
MOTION (Baumgarten/Guarisco) to approve the amendment to add the following motion to the minutes of April 11, 2011. Motion carried no negative vote.

   ***MOTION** (Policello/Nichols) to accept the anonymous $227 donation for Sand Lake Conservation Camp supplies. Motion carried no negative vote.*

4. BUDGET TRANSFER FOR SAND LAKE CONSERVATION CAMP
MOTION (Nichols/Baumgarten) to approve the budget transfer of $927 from 100-33-46821 to 100-33-56300-448-073 for conservation camp supplies. Motion carried no negative vote.

5. ESTABLISH A BUDGET FOR AIS CONTROL GRANT
MOTION (Policello/Nichols) to approve establishing a budget for the AIS Control Grant and to grant the approval to hire, contingent upon County Board approval, two limited term employees to assist with completion of the grant activities. Motion carried no negative vote.

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6. TOWN OF POUND ZONING ORDINANCE
MOTION (Guarisco/Pillath) to accept and recommend to County Board the approval of the Town of Pound Zoning Ordinance Amendments approved by the Town of Pound Board in May 2011. Motion carried no negative vote.

7. TOWN OF NIAGARA ZONING ORDINANCE
MOTION (Policello/Nichols) to accept and recommend to County Board the approval of the Town of Niagara Zoning Ordinance Amendments approved by the Town of Niagara Board in May 2011. Motion carried no negative vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION (Pillath/Nichols) to adjourn 8:39 a.m. Motion carried no negative vote.

Respectfully Submitted

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Database Specialist/Program Assistant

#6 South

Agreement for Land Surveying Services

This is an agreement made between Marinette County, hereinafter referred to as the "COUNTY" and Mc Guire Land Surveying hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACTOR".

The COUNTY desires to employ the CONTRACTOR for Land Surveying services for the year 2011, subject to the following terms:

1) The CONTRACTOR shall furnish all services and labor necessary to conduct and complete the work specified in this agreement, and shall furnish all materials, equipment, vehicles, supplies and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

2) The CONTRACTOR shall provide the services in a manner outlined below. The scope of services rendered shall be identified in the work order attached and incorporated as Exhibit 'A' .

   The services rendered consist of researching the presence of survey landmarks within the County survey files that are in danger of being damaged, destroyed or made inaccessible; and, searching for, documenting the presence of, and preserving these survey landmarks within the project area subject to the following procedures:

   Locate the U.S. PLS Monument shown on the U.S. PLS Monument Record or survey map prior to construction. The survey landmark shall be exposed to allow construction or checking of the witness references from the monument itself, not from a magnetic location. CONTRACTOR must ensure at least 4 witness references (min. 1" x 24" with min.1.62 lbs/foot) that are iron pipes or bars exist which are in good condition. If the witness references are gone, new witness references shall be established. If the witness references may be destroyed by anticipated grading or excavating, new witness references must be established near or outside the right-of-way line. All of the witness references shall be iron pipes or bars unless conditions do not allow for the installation of pipes or bars. CONTRACTOR shall prepare a preliminary Monument Record or other document adequately identifying the location and after construction, restore the found perpetuated location of any survey landmark by setting a substantial magnetic survey nail, iron pipe, bar or railroad spike at the corner location in the road and establish new witness references, if necessary, and prepare a final U.S. PLS Monument Record.

   All U.S. PLS Monument Records shall document the history of the original corner establishment and subsequent restorations with the date and the name of the surveyor.

3) It shall be the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR to obtain permission when needed to enter upon private lands, excavate, brush lines, establish witnesses, set monuments or any other work necessary for completion of the work order. The CONTRACTOR must contact utility companies and/or Diggers Hotline for a locate if the utilities present a hazardous work environment or are endangered.

4) The performance of the CONTRACTOR shall be accomplished with that degree of diligence, skill and knowledge ordinarily possessed and exercised by reputable members of its profession practicing in Wisconsin under the same or similar circumstances.

5) The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Department of Transportation's conditions for conducting surveys within the DOT highway right-of-way. The CONTRACTOR shall also comply with safety measures as outlined in the current State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation "Survey Safety Manual" as they apply to this project.

6) The CONTRACTOR shall hold the COUNTY harmless against all claims for bodily injury, sickness, disease, death or personal injury or damage to property or loss of use resulting there from arising out of CONTRACTOR's negligence in the performance of this contract. This provision does not apply to claims that are a result of the negligence of others.

   The COUNTY shall also be held harmless against all claims arising out of CONTRACTOR's provision of professional services, including claims of negligence, malpractice, willful misconduct, or errors and omissions.

The CONTRACTOR shall provide proof to the COUNTY that it has in effect at least the following insurance coverage. The COUNTY does not represent that these amounts are sufficient and consultant should exercise judgment about the adequacy of insurance coverage. CONTRACTOR's insurance shall be primary, and to the extent COUNTY insurance may be involved, it shall be secondary.

WORKERS COMPENSATION: CONTRACTOR shall provide statutory workers compensation coverage for its employees who shall not be considered employees of the COUNTY in any way.

AUTO LIABILITY: Minimum limit of $300,000 per occurrence to cover bodily injury and property damage arising out of ownership. maintenance, or use of any motor vehicle, including owned, non-owned and hired.

GENERAL LIABILITY: Minimum limit of $1,000,000 per occurrence, this shall be broad form coverage.

Insurance may be provided in the form of a base policy together with umbrella or excess policy. If this is done, the excess or umbrella policy shall not be more restrictive than the underlying policy.

Both parties agree that the relationship between the parties shall be that of an independent CONTRACTOR and shall not be construed to be an employer-employee relationship.

6) The COUNTY may for its convenience terminate this agreement at any time by a notice in writing from the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR. If terminated, the CONTRACTOR shall be paid for satisfactory completion of work to date in an amount which bears the same ratio to the total compensation as the services actually performed bear to the total services of the agreement.

7) The CONTRACTOR shall submit an invoice upon completion of the work and shall be reimbursed within 45 days of receipt of invoice for services rendered based on the following fee schedule.

$125.00 /Survey Landmark	Prior to construction, find U.S. PLS Monument as indicated on U.S. PLS Monument Record or survey map. Check witness references, reference out as required and prepare preliminary Monument Record or other document adequately identifying the survey landmark location.
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8) All state law or local ordinances insofar as applicable to municipal contracts shall be and hereby are specifically made a part of this agreement. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations in performing the work required under this agreement.

9) The time schedule and/or scope of the services to be preformed under this agreement may be amended or supplemented by mutual written agreement between the parties of this agreement. It is the intent of this agreement to have pre-construction work completed by June 30, 2011 and post construction work completed within 1 year after completion of construction activities.

10) The CONTRACTOR shall keep the COUNTY's representative(s) fully informed at all times as to the progress of the work.

12) The CONTRACTOR shall not subcontract or assign any portion of this Agreement unless prior written approval is obtained from the COUNTY.

13) This Agreement, together with its Exhibit A, incorporated by reference, constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties and supersedes all previous agreements or understandings between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR:

Dated this ____day of ____, 2011.

Contractors Name:....._____

Address:..... _____

City, State, Zip:..... _____

Authorized Signature:..... _____

Typed or Printed Signature:...._____

Title:..... _____

Phone:..... _____

COUNTY:

Dated this ____day of ____, 2011.

Marinette County Land Information Department
1926 Hall Ave
Marinette, WI 54143
Phone 715 732-7536

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John Lefebvre, Director Land Information Department	Kathy Brandt, Clerk Marinette County

2011
ROAD CONSTRUCTION
CORNER INVENTORY
(SOUTHERLY AREA)

Exhibit A

SURVEYOR	ROAD NAME	CORNER	TIE SHEET RECEIVED
	Schacht Road	NW Corner 9-30-23 West ¼ 9-30-23 SW Corner 9-30-23	
	Leaf Road	South ¼ 25-30-23 SE Corner 25-30-23	
	Spitzmacher Road	South ¼ 18-29-23 SE Corner 18-29-23	
	Vista Road	West ¼ 17-32-22 East ¼ 17-32-22	
	County Trunk Highway "BB"	South ¼ 11-29-23 South ¼ 12-29-23 SE Corner 12-29-23 East ¼ 18-30-24 NE Corner 18-30-24	

#6 North

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CONTRACTOR:

Dated this ____day of ____, 2011.

Contractors Name:....._____

Address:..... _____

City, State, Zip:..... _____

Authorized Signature:..... _____

Typed or Printed Signature:...._____

Title:..... _____

Phone:..... _____

COUNTY:

Dated this ____day of ____, 2011.

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John Lefebvre, Director Land Information Department	Kathy Brandt, Clerk Marinette County

2011
ROAD CONSTRUCTION
CORNER INVENTORY
(NORTHERLY AREA)

Exhibit A

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	Benson Lake Road	East ¼ 17-35-19 West ¼ 17-35-19 NW Corner 17-35-19 West ¼ 8-35-19	

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
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May 19, 2011

PERMANENT FILE NO. 26964

JEFFREY M. LIEUWEN
ROB KAMPS LAND SURVEYING
PO BOX 757
CRIVITZ WI 54114

Subject: NOLAN ESTATES
GL 3 S4 T33N R19E
TOWN OF STEPHENSON, MARINETTE COUNTY

Dear Mr. Lieuwen:

You have submitted NOLAN ESTATES for review. The Department of Administration does not object to this final plat. We certify that it complies with: s. 236.15, s. 236.16, s. 236.20, and s. 236.21, Wis. Stats. Certification of this plat does not include review for compliance with requirements relating to private sewage systems.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:
The Department of Administration has no conditions for this plat.

Note to Surveyor: You must sign, date, and seal the recordable plat document prior to final approval and recording.

The plat shall be presented to the local governing bodies for final approval and signing. Local government units, during their review of the plat, will have resolved when applicable that the plat:
- complies with local comprehensive plans, official map or subdivision control ordinances;
- conforms with areawide water quality management regulations;
- complies with Wisconsin shoreland management regulations;
- resolves possible problems with storm water runoff;
- fits the design to the topography;
- displays well designed lot and street layout;
- is served by public sewer or private sewage systems;
- includes service or is serviceable by necessary utilities.

Any changes to the plat involving details checked by this Department will require submission of the plat to the Department for recertification before the plat is eligible for recording. Such changes can be found by comparing the recordable document with the half-size copy of the certified plat furnished with this letter.

If there are any questions concerning this review, please contact our office, at the number listed below. If there are any questions regarding private sewage system review, please contact Ross J Fugill, Department of Commerce, at (715) 524-3629.

Sincerely,

Renée M. Powers, Supervisor
Plat Review
Phone: (608) 266-3200

Enc: Recordable Document, Original, Print

cc: Jamie Nolan, Owner
Clerk, Town of Stephenson
Marinette County Zoning Adm
Department of Commerce
Register of Deeds

ORIGINAL RECEIVED FROM SURVEYOR ON 04/05/11; REVIEWED ON 05/02/11
REVISED IN HOUSE 05/18/11

"NOLAN ESTATES"

PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 3, SECTION 4, T33N-R19E, TOWN OF STEPHENSON, MARINETTE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

DESCRIPTION \ SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

I, JEFFREY M. LIEUWEN, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, S-2617, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT BY THE DIRECTION OF THE OWNERS OF SAID LAND, I HAVE SURVEYED, SUBDIVIDED AND PLATTED THE LANDS BEING PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 3, SECTION 4, T33N-R19E, TOWN OF STEPHENSON, MARINETTE COUNTY, WISCONSIN DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 4, AS MARKED BY A 4 INCH PIPE; THENCE S00°28'16"W 647.08 FEET TO A 1 1/2 INCH PIPE; THENCE S00°34'03"W 50.18 FEET TO A 1 1/2 INCH PIPE AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE S00°23'51"W 165.50 FEET TO A 1 1/2 INCH PIPE; THENCE S89°12'51"E 921.25 FEET TO A 2 INCH PIPE; THENCE N39°47'59"E 392.79 FEET TO A 1 1/2 INCH PIPE; THENCE S83°29'32"W 1179.10 FEET TO THE 1 1/2 INCH PIPE AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING. I ALSO CERTIFY THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 236, WISCONSIN STATE STATUTES, THE MARINETTE COUNTY SHORELINE ZONING ORDINANCE AND TOWN OF STEPHENSON LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE PLAT IS A CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND SURVEYED AND THE SUBDIVISION OF IT, TO MY BEST KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2011 A.D.

JEFFREY M. LIEUWEN RLS 2617

OWNERS' CERTIFICATE

AS OWNER, WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I CAUSED THE LAND DESCRIBED ON THIS PLAT TO BE SURVEYED, DIVIDED, MAPPED AND DEDICATED AS REPRESENTED ON THE PLAT. WE ALSO CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT IS REQUIRED BY s 236.10 or 236.12 TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FOLLOWING FOR APPROVAL OR OBJECTION:

TOWN OF STEPHENSON
MARINETTE COUNTY ZONING
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

JAMES K. NOLAN _____ JACK J. NOLAN _____

NOTARY CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF MARINETTE)

PERSONALLY CAME BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2011, THE ABOVE NAMED PERSONS TO ME KNOWN TO BE THE PERSONS WHO EXECUTED THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE SAME.

NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____

MARINETTE COUNTY ZONING APPROVAL

THIS PLAT HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE MARINETTE COUNTY ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OR THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2011.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR - JOHN LEFEBVRE

TOWN TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

I, MARY JANE KEMPKA, BEING DULY ELECTED QUALIFIED AND ACTING TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF STEPHENSON, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECORDS IN MY OFFICE, THERE ARE NO UNPAID TAXES OR UNPAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AS OF _____, 2011 ON ANY OF THE LAND INCLUDED ON NOLAN ESTATES.

TREASURER _____ DATE _____

COUNTY TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

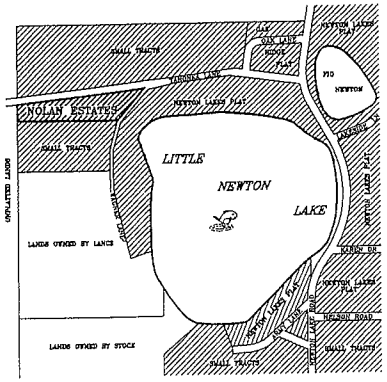
I, BEV NOFFKE, BEING DULY ELECTED, QUALIFIED AND ACTING TREASURER OF THE COUNTY OF MARINETTE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RECORDS IN MY OFFICE SHOW NO UNREDEEMED TAX SALES AND NO UNPAID TAXES OR UNPAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AS OF _____, 2011 AFFECTING THE LANDS INCLUDED ON NOLAN ESTATES

TREASURER, BEV NOFFKE _____ DATE _____

TOWN OF STEPHENSON APPROVAL

APPROVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF STEPHENSON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2011.

TOWN CHAIRPERSON _____ TOWN CLERK _____



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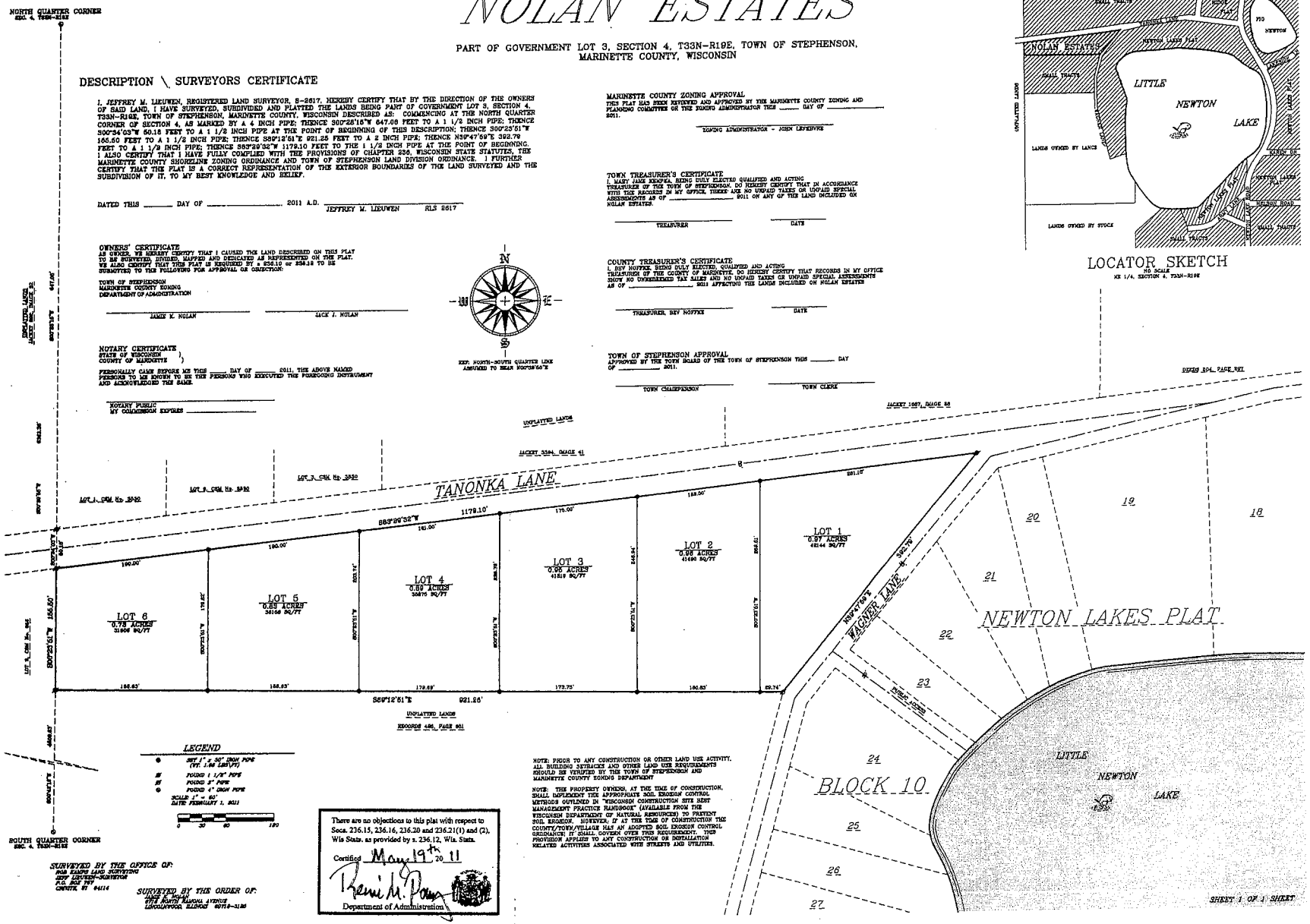

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- SET 1" x 30" IRON PIPE (WT. 1.68 LBS/FT)
- FOUND 1 1/2" PIPE
- FOUND 2" PIPE
- FOUND 4" IRON PIPE

SCALE 1" = 60'
DATE FEBRUARY 1, 2011

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NOTE: PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION OR OTHER LAND USE ACTIVITY, ALL BUILDING SETBACKS AND OTHER LAND USE REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE VERIFIED BY THE TOWN OF STEPHENSON AND MARINETTE COUNTY ZONING DEPARTMENT

NOTE: THE PROPERTY OWNERS, AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION, SHALL IMPLEMENT THE APPROPRIATE SOIL EROSION CONTROL METHODS OUTLINED IN "WISCONSIN CONSTRUCTION SITE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE HANDBOOK" (AVAILABLE FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES) TO PREVENT SOIL EROSION. HOWEVER, IF AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION THE COUNTY/TOWN/VILLAGE HAS AN ADOPTED SOIL EROSION CONTROL ORDINANCE IT SHALL GOVERN OVER THIS REQUIREMENT. THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO ANY CONSTRUCTION OR INSTALLATION RELATED ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH STREETS AND UTILITIES.

There are no objections to this plat with respect to Secs. 236.15, 236.16, 236.20 and 236.21(1) and (2), Wis Stats. as provided by s. 236.12, Wis. Stats.

Certified May 19th 20 11

Department of Administration

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#8

Amendments to Chapter 21 Shoreland/Wetland Zoning Code
Items for Committee Discussion and Consideration
June 13th 2011

- **Wetlands** – The Wisconsin Wetlands Association have requested that each County consider improving wetland protection and promoting wetland restoration into their County Shoreland/Wetland Zoning Codes. Possible amendments to improve wetland protection are:
    - Minimum wetland setback for all structures
    - Limit land disturbing activities within a wetland setback area.
    - When issuing filling and grading permits consider what impact that land disturbing activity will have on adjoining wetlands.
    - Notify applicants about State and Federal permit requirements and withhold final approval for projects which impact wetland until the property owner provides confirmation that State and Federal permits have been obtained or are not necessary.
    - Promote wetland conservation and restoration throughout the ordinance.

- **Site Plans which accompany Zoning Permit Applications** – All site plans will need to be drawn to scale. It has been suggested by member(s) of the Land Information Committee that the County require that all site plans be drawn and stamped by an Licensed Engineer or a Registered Land Surveyor. This requirement will improve the submittals and will reduce the need for the staff to visit the properties prior to permit issuance. This requirement if incorporated into the County's Shoreland/Wetland Zoning Code may delay the projects and will likely add a significant cost to the project which may deter the land owners from completing their project or could result in more land owners deciding to proceed with small less noticeable projects without a permit.

- **Land Division Requirements** – Certified survey maps are required whenever a new lot, parcel, or tax parcel is created. New has been interpreted to mean splits of existing parcels, lots or tax parcels. Combinations of existing parcels, lots or tax parcels or the exchange of land between adjacent owners are not considered new. It has been suggested that the County should require the submittal of a certified survey map whenever the boundaries of the existing lot, parcel or tax parcel changes. This is more than acceptable to staff but may be a financial burden on the property owners. In all cases a survey would help clarify boundary lines and may possibly prevent future property line disputes.

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June 6, 2011

John Lefebvre
Land Information Director
Marinette County
1926 Hall Avenue
Marinette, WI 54143-1717

Dear Mr. Lefebvre,

Congratulations on the selection of the Marinette County, proposal for Hazardous Substances community wide assessment grant. I will be your key contact at U.S. EPA and I look forward to working with you over the next few years. I can be reached at (312) 886-3058 or via email at baumann.alan@epa.gov.

The next step in the process is to complete an Application for Federal Assistance. You will have access to funds via a Cooperative Agreement (CA) which means there will be substantial federal involvement in reviewing the project, determining eligible sites, and providing technical assistance as requested. The (CA) application forms can be found at:

http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/application.htm

Please print and follow the Checklist for Applications. Each form includes instructions for its completion. If you have problems accessing the forms, please call or e-mail me. There is no standard form for the detailed itemized budget but it is required to show how you calculated the object class category amounts. For tips on preparing the budget detail, see:

http://www.epa.gov/ogd/recipient/tips.htm

You will need to develop a workplan for the project. The workplan is based on the proposal that you submitted and must be approved and submitted as an attachment to your CA application. An example work plan for hazardous substances is included with this correspondence. In addition, please incorporate the FY 11 Standard Environmental Results Language for Brownfields Grants which can be found in the second attachment. I would like to see a draft of the workplan by June 20, 2011. The original and 2 copies of the completed application along with the approved workplan must be submitted by **July 6, 2011**, to:

Sharon Green, Chief
Assistance Section
EPA Region 5, Mail Code 10J

77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago IL 60604

Please also send me a copy of the complete application package.

Again, congratulations and I look forward to working with you on this new grant.

Alan Baumann
Brownfields Program Manager and Project Officer
US EPA, Region 5
77W. Jackson Blvd. SB-7J
Chicago, IL 60604
Telephone: 312 886-3058
Fax: 312 692-2167

Brownfields 2011 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet
Marinette County, WI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Marinette County was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in northeastern Wisconsin on the shores of Lake Michigan, Marinette County (population 43,418) is a blend of forests, farms, and small cities. Many of the county's communities developed around logging camps that supported the forest industry and used the area's abundant lakes and rivers to transport logs. As a result, many of the county's brownfields are in areas subject to flooding. Release of contaminants in these areas can significantly impact groundwater, surface water, and sensitive environmental areas. Sites pose threats to public health and natural resources, blight neighborhoods, and deter private investment. In March 2010, the unemployment rate in the county was 12.1 percent. Nearly 67 percent of the paper mill jobs in the area have been lost since 1990. Brownfield assessments will identify human health and environmental risks, and facilitate redevelopment in accordance with the county's Comprehensive Plan.

Assessment Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Marinette County for a brownfields assessment grant. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct 10 Phase I and seven Phase II environmental site assessments and develop two cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to expand the county's inventory of sites and support community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

EPA Region 5 Brownfields Team
(312) 886-7576
EPA Region 5 Brownfields Web site
(http://www.epa.gov/R5Brownfields)

Grant Recipient: Marinette County,WI
715-732-7536

The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant proposal; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of this information. The cooperative agreement for the grant has not yet been negotiated. Therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

United States
Environmental
Protection Agency
Washington, DC 20450

Solid Waste
and Emergency
Response (5105T)

EPA 560-F-128-098
May 11

#12

Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Inc.

Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees

WLWCA-WALCE Ad Hoc Committee

Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2011			
Start Time: 12:00pm		**End Time: 4:00pm**	
Location:	Portage County Annex Building, Third Floor, Room 5 1462 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point, WI		
Conference Phone:	(877) 826-6967		
Conf ID:	2683619685 (dial when prompted)		
Co-Chairs: Perry Lindquist *(Waukesha LCD, WALCE)*, Charles Wagner *(Kewaunee LCC, WLWCA)*			**In Attendance:** **Via Conference Phone:** **Absent Committee Members:**
Committee Members: Greg Baneck *(Outagamie LCD)*, David Hammer *(Lafayette LCC)*, Kay McKenzie *(Douglas LCC)*, Dan O'Connell *(Portage LCD)*, Joe Piechowski *(Waushara LCC)*, Tom Rudolph *(Oneida LCC)*, Geoff Schramm *(Ozaukee LCD)*, William Schuster *(Door LCD)*.			
Advisor: Julian Zelazny *(WLWCA)*	**Secretary:** Kirsten Moore *(WLWCA)*	**Facilitator:** Patrick Nehring *(UWEX)*	

Notes:

- WLWCA-WALCE Ad Hoc Committee Meetings are open meetings. Individuals may attend in person or via conference call if desired. Please state your name when you use the conference calling service.
- Order and time allowed for agenda items may be changed due to pace of meeting or at the discretion of the co-chairs.
- **ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Lunch will not be provided for this meeting. You may bring your lunch to the meeting if you prefer.

Next Meeting Time: TBD

12:00 **Call to Order: Lindquist/Wagner**
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

12:35 **Adopt Agenda: Lindquist/Wagner**

12:37 **Approve 05-03-2011 Meeting Minutes: Lindquist/Wagner**

12:40 **Review input and feedback from WLWCA/WALCE memberships**

1:15 **Break**

1:30 **Review draft bylaws**

2:45 **Break**

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Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees
Kurt Calkins, President
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3:00 Determine next steps in draft review process

3:45 Plan for next meeting

- Confirm location, date and facilitator:
- Confirm next agenda:

3:55 Other Business

4:00 Adjourn

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#12

Thursday Note

An Update on Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Issues

Volume 14, Issue 3 Thursday, May 12, 2011

WLWCA's Website Has A New Look!

Our website has been redesigned by a website development team at Madison Area Technical College as part of their class project. The site is up and fully functional. Please take time to check it out at www.wlwca.org and let us know if you have any comments or suggestions. We are also developing new online materials for Wisconsin Envirothon, which are a work in progress now available at www.envirothonwi.org.

~Chris Schlutt, Program Coordinator

Middleton High School Wins 2011 Wisconsin Envirothon

Seven high school teams from Adams-Friendship, Colby, Luxemburg-Casco and Middleton schools participated in the 2011 Wisconsin Envirothon on Thursday, April 21 at Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt. Teams spent the day outdoors taking on field challenges in four natural resources categories: Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Soils and Land Use and Wildlife. In addition, teams spent the year studying salt and fresh water estuaries and preparing team presentations regarding potential management plans and concerns for the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve at the mouth of the St. Louis River.

Wisconsin Envirothon is a member program of Canon Envirothon: North America's largest high school environmental education competition. Middleton High School will represent Wisconsin July 24-29 at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada. The team will apply their field knowledge to another region's environmental circumstances and continue to broaden their understanding of salt and fresh water estuary issues. Scholarships and Canon products are awarded to the top 15 teams. Visit www.envirothon.org to learn more.

Special thanks to our many volunteer and funding sources. Financial support was provided by Canon USA, Conserve School, Herbert H. Kohl Charities, Kikkoman Foods, Midwest Environmental Advocates and Plum Creek Marketing. Wisconsin Envirothon was coordinated by WLWCA in cooperation with Arrowhead Trophies, Central Wisconsin Resiliency Project, Christine Mechenich, Peter DeVault Photography, Econoprint, Trees for Tomorrow, University of Wisconsin-Madison Biocore, University of Wisconsin-Extension, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wildwood Productions, Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Lakes, and Wisconsin Lions Camp.

The Wisconsin Envirothon curriculum is designed by natural resources professionals and educators. The Aquatic Ecology Station was designed by Matt Jacobsen, Wisconsin DNR. The Forestry Station was designed by Greg Cleereman, Marinette County LCD. The Soils and Land Use Station was designed by Phil Meyer, USDA-NRCS. The Wildlife Station was designed by Seth McGee, UW-Madison Biocore. The current issue scenario Salt and Freshwater Estuaries was created by a panel led by Patrick Robinson of UWEX with cooperation from Becky Sapper, UWEX; watershed educator Christine Mechenich; and Susan Tesarik, Wisconsin Lakes. Thank you for your support!

Find out about Middleton High School's trip to New Brunswick on Wisconsin Envirothon's Facebook page and on Canon Envirothon's Facebook page. Find details about Wisconsin Envirothon at www.wlwca.org/envirothon.html and at the new www.envirothonwi.org. Stay tuned for developments and details on the 2012 event focusing on nonpoint source pollution and low impact development. If you are interested in serving on a committee to plan the 2012 event, volunteer, or if you wish to be kept in the loop regarding new ideas for the program, contact kirsten@wlwca.org.

Congratulations to Middleton High School, all the participating teams, supporters and volunteers for a great event.

~Kirsten Moore, Office Manager

WLWCA-WALCE Ad-Hoc Committee to Begin Member Outreach, *Thursday Note* "Merger Edition" Coming Soon

Led by co-chairs Charles Wagner of Kewaunee County LCC and Perry Lindquist of Waukesha County LRD, the WLWCA-WALCE Ad-Hoc Merger Committee has been meeting since January to consider developing a merged association. Details about the ad-hoc committee efforts are currently available at www.wlwca.org/wlwca_walce.html. A special edition *Thursday Note* dedicated entirely to the potential merger and ad hoc committee efforts will be published later this month, with outreach opportunities to follow.

If you have any questions about the potential merger, contact Charles Wagner at wagnerc50@yahoo.com, Perry Lindquist at plindquist@waukeshacounty.gov or find the ad-hoc committee contact list at our Website.

~Charles Wagner, WLWCA President & Perry Lindquist, Waukesha County Land Resources Division

Join Us at Conservation Observance Day on Monday, June 13, in Fall River, Columbia County

John and Dorothy Priske, the 2010 Conservation Farmer of the Year winners, are hosting this year's Conservation Observance Day celebration where you will learn about sustainable farming. Join us at Fountain Prairie Inn and Farms to tour the farm and learn about their 300 head herd of grass fed Scottish Highland cattle. The Priskes will host conservationists and enthusiasts from around the state between 11:00 am to 3:00 pm for lunch, speaker presentations and tours of the farm and Victorian Inn. Scheduled speakers include agency partners from the USDA-NRCS office, DNR, DATCP and UW-Extension.

Find out more about Fountain Prairie Inn and Farms by visiting www.fountainprairie.com and more details regarding Conservation Observance Day will be available at www.wlwca.org as well as on our listserv mid-May. We hope to see you there!

~Kelly Maginnis, Columbia County Land Conservation Department

Would Your County Like Their 2012 Dues Waived?

As part of WLWCA's Conservation Awards program, the WLWCA board is promoting the Conservation Farmer of the Year award by waiving 2012 WLWCA dues for the county that submits the state winner. You have plenty of time to think about a worthy nominee in your county, as nominations should be submitted at the area level by August 26, with the area winner submitted to WLWCA by October 21. The other award being offered is for Outstanding Supervisor. It only takes a few minutes to nominate a supervisor and show your appreciation for the outstanding work they do. Nominations must be submitted to WLWCA by October 21.

Information and applications for these awards can be found at www.wlwca.org/consawards.html. Please take the time to recognize a farmer or supervisor in your county who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help preserve Wisconsin's natural resources. Contact Chris if you have any questions.

~Chris Schlutt, Program Coordinator

Legislative Update

The state budget remains the primary focus of our efforts in Madison. The governor's budget, if passed, would have negative impacts on three areas of concern to county conservation.

1. The statewide conservation staffing allocation grant would be permanently reduced by 5%.

   While this reduction is not a large amount, the fact that it would be a permanent reduction is troubling. Currently, the amount of money that the state allocates to fund the grant is several million dollars short of the amount described by the formula in Chapter 92. The staffing grant has been underfunded for almost 20 years. A further permanent reduction in the grant only makes a bad situation worse for Wisconsin's front line in the battle against nonpoint pollution and surface water protection. WLWCA and WALCE are working with members of the state legislature to introduce an amendment to the budget bill that turns the cut to the

staffing grant into a "lapse". This makes the reduction in the grant temporary so that it can be brought back in the 2013 budget.

2. The Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) program would be eliminated.

   The PACE program is one of the important programs of the Working Lands Initiative. It would provide an avenue for agricultural land owners to keep their land in agriculture while providing compensation for selling off the development rights. This is one way that agricultural land can be protected from conversion, especially in those communities that experience the greatest development pressure. Furthermore, there are some land owners who were early adopters of the program and began work on an easement shortly after the law was passed. Since then they have incurred significant expenses, like appraisals and legal fees, based upon the promise that the state would reimburse them under the program.

   It is a matter of fairness that those land owners receive the promised funds. WLWCA and WALCE are working with members of the legislature to get an amendment to the budget bill introduced that would keep PACE on the books, even if it is unfunded (except for those early adopters) in the current budget. If revenues improve we can fund it in the 2013 budget.

3. The conversion fee for taking land out of the Farmland Preservation Program would be eliminated.

   The conversion fee is a critical component of the FPP. It provides a disincentive for leaving the program, it returns money to the public treasury that was given to the land owner via the program's tax reductions, and it was intended to fund the PACE program. WLWCA and WALCE are working with members of the legislature to get an amendment to the budget bill introduced that keep some sort of conversion fee on the books, even if it is not the current fee formula.

Please make your voice heard, and ask your legislator to support these three points. If your legislator is not on the joint finance committee, they have access to members who are, so please ask them to contact their finance committee contact and support these three amendments. If you have any questions, please contact WLWCA or WALCE.

~Julian Zelazny, Executive Director

Standards Oversight Council Update

The SOC Team revising the NRCS Standard 313 Waste Storage Facility anticipates that a draft will be available for broad review this early summer.

The NRCS 634 Waste Transfer Team is meeting this week to go over the final edits to the standard. Shortly thereafter the standard, companion document and specification will go out for review.

The NRCS 629 Team is near Initial Review, expected yet this month. The team seeks data on nutrient content of runoff from feed storage facilities that have some first flush collection. The team also seeks farms (with first flush collection) to participate this summer in a field monitoring study lead by Dr. Becky Larson, from the Department of Biological Systems Engineering, UW Madison. The study will help determine how nutrient concentrations in runoff vary during a storm event, so the team is able to recommend appropriate management for peak flows. The team's main charge is to address feed runoff control for sites where a high level of resource protection is desired.

~Chris Schlutt, Program Coordinator

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Calendar of Events

NACD Executive Directors' Conference, Baltimore, MD	May 16-19
SAA Spring Meeting, Madison	May 24
SOC Meeting, Madison	May 25
LWCB Meeting, Madison	June 7
Conservation Observance Day, Fall River	June 13
WLWCA Board Meeting, Stevens Point	June 14
WALCE Board Meeting, Stevens Point	June 15
WLWCA-WALCE Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, Stevens Point	June 15
Agroforestry Workshops, LaFarge and Viola	June 16
WLWCA Conservation Camp, Bruce	June 21-24
Sand Lake Conservation Camp, Crivitz	June 23-25

For more information, visit www.wlwca.org/eventscalendar.html

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#12

Thursday Note

An Update on Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Issues

Volume 14, Issue 4 Friday, May 20, 2011

Special Edition on WLWCA/WALCE Merger Talks

As many of you know, the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) and the Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees (WALCE) are considering merging into a single organization. An ad-hoc committee has been working on merger details since January and is now looking for input from both memberships. As a first step, this entire *Thursday Note* is dedicated to the merger discussions. But before getting into the details, let's start with this:

Why Should WLWCA and WALCE Merge?

- *Sustainable Future*. Merging the two associations would lead to one stronger, more efficient, and financially sustainable association, provide more staff support (WLWCA), and cause less volunteer (i.e. LCD) burnout while carrying out state association activities.
- *Focused Resources*. The on-going trend for downsizing County Boards and combining and downsizing departments is resulting in fewer people having less time for land and water conservation issues or to participate in state association activities. A merged association with a well-defined and empowered committee structure would better focus limited resources, provide more valuable services, and encourage more participation by LCCs and LCD staff.
- *Expanded Expertise*. Merging WLWCA and WALCE would combine the diverse technical, administrative and policy expertise and talents of both organizations.
- *Better Cross-Training*. Combining workshops, tours, conferences and other training opportunities would improve the quality, attendance, revenue, and ultimately the program understanding and support between LCCs and LCD staff – something we need to sustain local programs in the long-term.
- *Improved Policy Influence*. A joint Legislative Committee would help build a stronger and more unified voice for conservation issues and improve our effectiveness in influencing policy makers – thus having a greater impact than either organization could on their own in supporting county land and water conservation programs.
- *Faster Response Time*. A merged and empowered committee system would also help streamline the decision-making process, allowing members and staff to develop or review draft policies, craft a position and give WLWCA staff and lobbyist direction in a much shorter time frame, which is critical in the fast-pace policy decision making that occurs these days, especially relating to budget processes.

In fall of 2010, the Boards of Directors from WLWCA and WALCE each appointed five members to an Ad-hoc Merger Committee. They also adopted a process and guiding principles for the committee to use in their deliberations on how such a merger could be carried out. The guiding principles are listed below.

Guiding Principles in Merger Talks:

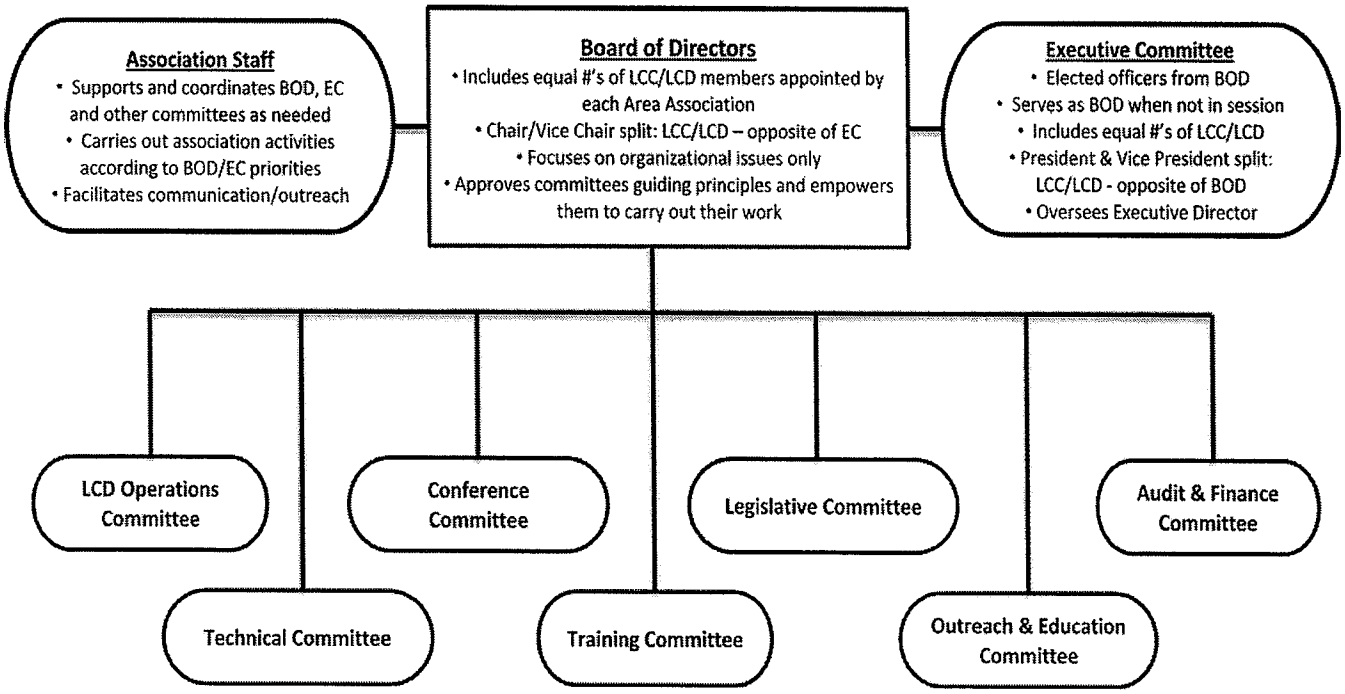
- Prescribe multifaceted functions of the association, including legislative advocacy, technical and administrative program review and information sharing, environmental education and membership training.
- Charge the Board of Directors with organizational issues such as budgets, staff oversight, contracts, bylaws, annual meeting, and coordinating activities among committees.
- Ensure equal representation of LCD staff and LCC committee members on the joint Board of Directors and consider the number of directors needed to carry out their duties.

- Create a committee structure that serves as the focus of organization activities, giving the committees clear direction and empowering them to efficiently carry out their duties.
- Hold a single annual conference for training, elections, budget approval, bylaw changes, etc.
- Review and make recommendations on regional boundaries and the annual dues structure.

To date, the Merger Committee has met six times and developed a number of draft recommendations, which were recently presented to both Boards of Directors. Both BODs agreed to proceed to the next steps, including an outreach program to gather input from the two memberships. Some of the recommendations of the Merger Committee include:

- Maintain the name "Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association" for the joint organization. It was felt that it has name recognition and the title is broad enough to cover both groups.
- Maintain the current eight WLWCA Area Associations, but be open to any boundary changes that members suggest during this process.
- Have each county appoint one LCC member and one LCD staff to their Area Association.
- Each Area Association should elect one LCC and one LCD person to represent them on the WLWCA Board of Directors (16), through an open nomination process to all LCC and LCD members in the area.
- Create eight empowered committees (shown below), with targeted membership and clear duties and expectations (details available at www.wlwca.org/wlwca_walce.html).
- Have the Board of Directors elect a Chair and Vice Chair, which would be split between an LCC and LCD representative. The BOD would also elect members to their Executive Committee (6-8), with the President and Vice President also split between LCC and LCD representatives, opposite of the BOD.

Proposed WLWCA/WALCE Joint Organizational Structure



***Note**: To improve communication and coordination, cross-membership among the BOD and Executive Committee with all other committees shown is encouraged. WLWCA staff will also be charged with facilitating this task. More details on the mission of each committee are available on the WLWCA web site www.wlwca.org/wlwca_walce.html.*

The Merger Committee also identified some challenges of merging and risks of not merging the two organizations:

Challenges of a WLWCA/WALCE Merger:

- *Leaving Titles at the Door*. As a non-profit organization with a unified mission to support county land and water conservation programs, LCC members and LCD staff need to work effectively together as equals. We need to build on each other's strengths and focus on consensus decisions.
- *Broad Participation*. One of the guiding principles is also a major challenge for a merger - maintaining the multifaceted functions of the two organizations. To be effective at legislative advocacy, technical and administrative program review and information sharing, environmental education and membership training, a merged organization needs broad membership participation on a variety of committees to be effective.
- *Organization of Counties or Individuals?* WLWCA is structured more as an organization of counties, while WALCE is an organization of individual professionals. It is proposed that we maintain a bit of both through a three tiered dues structure, which a future BOD would finalize.
- *Voting Process*. WLWCA has a history of voting on resolutions at an annual conference to establish organizational policy, with each county getting one vote. WALCE has focused on an empowered committee structure following guiding principles adopted by the Board of Directors. A merged organization may need to allow for both to occur, but is proposed to focus on an empowered committee structure.
- *Commitment/Diversity/Turnover*. WALCE is made up of career professional staff with a strong commitment to conservation issues, while LCC members come from a wide variety of backgrounds and have a higher turnover rate through biennial elections. Therefore, membership training is critical to sustain momentum.

Risks of Not Merging:

- *Decline*. Given the current merger and downsizing trends locally, the future sustainability of an effective WLWCA or WALCE as two independent organizations is questionable. This may result in steadily declining opportunities for professional improvement, a loss of a unified conservation voice on land and water conservation policy issues, and reduced local program funding.
- *Division*. One option that has been discussed is to only merge County Conservationists with the WLWCA since they work closely together on policy matters anyway. This type of merger would be similar to the way county highway commissioners are organized and to what was proposed and narrowly defeated at the 2004 WLWCA annual meeting. However, this would lead to less County Conservationist involvement in WALCE and less input by technical staff on conservation policy. While this is not the preferred merger path, it remains a valid option.

To ensure an open process during the merger discussions, all committee meetings are advertised by email to every county and a call-in option is available to anyone who wants to listen in or participate in the dialog. The WLWCA web site is the clearing house for all information related to the Merger Committee, including: committee members contact information, meeting minutes, proposed organizational chart and committee assignments, and draft bylaw revisions (later this year). To gather input from the two organizations, the Merger Committee plans to sponsor other outreach efforts such as speaking at Area Association meetings and sponsoring a WALCE webinar. Stay tuned for dates, etc.

If you have questions or concerns, the earlier you speak up the better. Feel free to call or write any of the Merger Committee members or send comments to the WLWCA office, preferably before the next Merger Committee meeting on June 15th. To complete a merger, both WLWCA and WALCE memberships would need to approve bylaw changes by a 2/3 majority vote. Organizing a joint meeting of the two associations is logistically difficult because annual meeting dates are already set. This means sequential voting would need to occur (WLWCA in December/WALCE in February), making floor amendments very difficult. This is why it is important that issues be raised early in the process, so they can be addressed while drafting the bylaws, if necessary. As co-chairs of the Merger Committee, we believe merging WLWCA and WALCE is a natural evolution whose time has come. We hope you agree and invite your comments.

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SAA Meeting, Madison	May 24
SOC Meeting, Madison	May 25
Memorial Day, WLWCA Closed	May 30
WCLWCA Meeting & Summer Tour, Durand	Jun 9
NCLWCA Meeting, Antigo	Jun 10
Conservation Observance Day, Fall River	Jun 13
WLWCA BOD Meeting, Stevens Point	Jun 14
WALCE BOD Meeting, Stevens Point	Jun 15
WLWCA-WALCE Ad Hoc Merger Meeting, Stevens Point	Jun 15
Agroforestry In-Service Workshop, LaFarge & Viola	Jun 16
WLWCA Conservation Camp, Bruce	Jun 21-24
Sand Lake Conservation Camp, Crivitz	Jun 23-25
NACD Legislative Conference, Washington, DC	Jul 17-19
SOC Meeting, Madison	Jul 21
Canon Envirothon, Sackville, NB, CA	Jul 24-29

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