



LAND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

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AGENDA LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, April 8, 2013
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Land Information Meeting Room (C129) - Marinette County Courthouse

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approve agenda
3. Approve minutes of the March 11th 2013 meeting.
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 – Jeff Maroszek, District Conservationist to introduce himself to the LIC and discuss NRCS activities for 2013
6. Discuss/consider requests for proposals for inspection of the Lake Noquebay dam structure. Action, if any.
7. Discuss/consider Land Information Department staff attending a Streambank Stabilization and Stream Corridor Restoration Technical Training Workshop during May 21-23, 2013 at Madison. Action, if any.
8. Discuss/consider Land Information Department staff attending the Wisconsin Lake Partnership Convention April 9-11, 2013 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. Action, if any.
9. Discuss/consider tapping of trees for syrup within the Harmony Memorial Hardwood Forest. Action, if any.
10. Correspondence. Action, if any. (Correspondence if not specifically listed below will be for information only)
11. Report(s) by Land Information Staff on Departmental programs and activities. Action, if any.
 - AIS Coordinator Position Vacancy
 - March 11-13, 2013 Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association 60th Annual Meeting.
12. Discuss/consider the March 2013 schedule of invoices. Action, if any.
13. Schedule next meeting – Monday, May 13, 2013
14. Identify possible items for discussion and consideration at the next meeting
15. Adjourn



Alice Baumgarten Ted Sauve Larry Nichols Joe Policello
Clancy Whiting Robert Holley John Fendryk
Ellen Sorensen, Administrator Kathy Brandt, County Clerk
Renee Miller, County Register of Deeds

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, MARCH 11, 2013 COUNTY BOARD ROOM – COURTHOUSE

Members Present: Ted Sauve, Alice Baumgarten, Larry Nichols, John Fendryk, Robert Holley and Joe Policello.

Excused: Clancy Whiting

Others Present: John Lefebvre, LID; Ellen Sorensen, Administrator; Aleta DiRienzo, LID-LWC, and the Peshtigo Times. Scott Reuss, UWEX and Jim Orłowski were 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/Holley) to approve the March 11, 2013 agenda as presented. Motion carried no negative vote.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION (Holley/Fendryk) to approve the minutes of February 11, 2013 as presented. Motion carried no negative vote.
4. PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
MOTION (Baumgarten/Fendryk) to open the Public Hearing at 9:03 a.m. Motion carried no negative vote.

Land Information Director stated the Conditional Use Permit application is for Pine Acres Resort, Inc. located in S13 T33N R18E, Town of Stephenson. There are 5 phases to the project.

- Phase One – 8 unit condo plat
- Phase Two – Build a 4-plex unit
- Phase Three – Build 6 camping shelters
- Phase Four – Build a duplex
- Phase Five – Additional 3 camping shelters

The whole project should be completed in a three year period.



Chairperson Sauve called three times for public comment. There was none.

MOTION (Nichols/Holley) to close Public Hearing at 9:22 a.m. Motion carried no negative vote.

MOTION (Policello/Nichols) to approve the Conditional Use Permit as submitted with the following conditions:

1. All required approvals and permits shall be obtained from the Town of Stephenson before commencing with the project.
2. All required sanitation permits shall be obtained before commencing with each phase of the project.
3. A County Zoning permit shall be obtained before the placement, relocation or construction of any structure.

Motion carried no negative vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

6. REPORTS BY COOPERATING AGENCIES
UWEX ~ Scott Reuss stated that the prime season for agriculture and horticulture is now. The official Harmony Arboretum schedule of events is out and on the table outside of the UWEX office on third floor. All the rain we have had is not a positive for this time of year, there may very well be some winter kill because of the rain, won't know for sure until a couple of weeks have passed. Oconto County's Agriculture Agent has resigned. It will likely take anywhere from 4 months to a year to fill the position. A Master Gardener training will be held in Florence County this spring.

7. LIMITED TERM EMPLOYEE FOR SUMMER – 2013
MOTION (Baumgarten/Holley) to recommend to Personnel, Finance Committee and the County Board for approval to hire an LTE (560 hours) for the summer of 2013. Motion carried no negative vote.

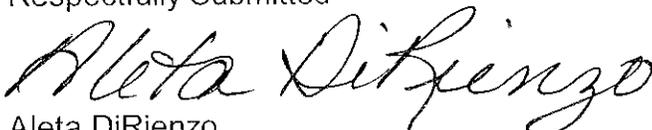
8. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TARGETED RUNOFF MANAGEMENT GRANTS
MOTION (Fendryk/Policello) to recommend to County Board for approval the Resolution Supporting Targeted Runoff Management Grants. Motion carried no negative vote.

9. FOOD PREPARATION AGREEMENT FOR SAND LAKE CONSERVATION CAMP
MOTION (Nichols/Holley) to approve the Food Preparation Agreement with Catherine Wegner for an estimated cost of \$1,600 (food supplies included) contingent upon Corporation Counsel's approval. Motion carried no negative vote.

10. WISCONSIN COUNTY CODE ASSOCIATION SPRING CONFERENCE
MOTION (Policello/Fendryk) to approve the Land Information Director's attendance at the WCCA Spring Conference in Mosinee on April 4 – 5, 2013. Motion carried no negative vote.

11. **WDNR 2013 DAM SAFETY WORKSHOP**
MOTION (Baumgarten/Fendryk) to approve Land Conservation Water Resource Specialists attendance at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 2013 Dam Safety Workshop on April 17, 2013 in Shawano. Motion carried no negative vote.
12. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Department of Administration Letter Governor's GIS Initiative ~ For information only. The Governor is proposing effective 2015 to use the five dollar redaction fee currently collected and retained by the Register of Deeds for redaction of recorded documents for an initiative to create a Statewide digital parcel map.
13. **FEBRUARY SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS**
The February Schedule of Invoices (\$13,712.48) was presented to the committee.
14. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**
Next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 8, 2013 at the Courthouse.
15. **IDENTIFY POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**
 - o Tapping of Maple trees located in the Harmony Memorial Forest for sap collection in 2014.
 - o Opening of Proposals for Lake Noquebay Dam Inspection
16. **ADJOURNMENT**
MOTION (Nichols/Policello) to adjourn 10:16 a.m. Motion carried no negative vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Aleta DiRienzo
Database Specialist/Program Assistant

Item 6

Lake Noguebay Dam Inspection RFP

Task	Location	Ayres Associates	Becher Hoppe	Cedar Corp.	CWE Inc.	Flambeau Eng.	GRAEF	McMahon Eng.	Robert E. Lee	TINY Eng.
1	Inspection Notification	Eau Claire \$60.00	Wausau \$94.00	Green Bay \$43.00	Weston \$22.50	Park Falls \$0.00	Green Bay In #2 \$600.00	Neerah \$100.00	Green Bay \$0.00	Chippewa Falls \$20.00
2	File Research	\$100.00	\$34.00	\$258.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$600.00	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$200.00
3	Field Inspection	\$433.00	\$1,085.00	\$688.00	\$759.25	\$760.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$560.00
4	Field Survey	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	Inspection Check List	\$574.00	\$135.00	\$172.00	\$90.00	\$180.00	\$250.00	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$100.00
6	Photo Documentation	\$96.00	\$250.00	\$120.00	\$45.00	\$105.00	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
7	Review Hazard Rating	\$96.00	\$68.00	\$172.00	\$45.00	\$90.00	In #2 \$250.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$120.00
8	Review Emergency Action Plan	\$48.00	\$34.00	\$86.00	\$45.00	\$90.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$50.00
9	Review Inspection Operation & Maintenance Plan	\$48.00	\$34.00	\$86.00	\$45.00	\$90.00	\$250.00	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$50.00
10	Assemble and Provide Inspection Report to County	\$447.00	\$650.00	\$258.00	\$821.00	\$210.00	\$250.00	\$800.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
Total		\$1,902.00	\$2,324.00	\$1,883.00	\$1,962.75	\$1,615.00	\$2,350.00	\$4,300.00 *	\$2,900.00	\$1,500.00

* McMahon Quote incorrectly lists a total of \$3,400.00



SCOTT WALKER
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN

Item 10A
P.O. Box 7863
MADISON, WI 53707

March 15, 2013

Ms. Kathy K. Brandt- County Clerk
Marinette County
1926 Hall Avenue
Marinette, WI 54143-1717

Dear Ms. Brandt,

Thank you for contacting my office with your resolution. I appreciate the chance to hear from communities all across Wisconsin.

As a former county executive, I appreciate all of the day to day work that is done to keep government functioning at the local level. Furthermore, I am committed to staying up-to-date on the many issues facing Wisconsin.

Thank you again for sharing your resolution with me. I will keep your thoughts and ideas in mind. Please stay in touch as we work together to move Wisconsin forward.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker
Governor

DATCP REPORT
March 2013

DATCP SWRM Grants

- The 2013 final allocation plan was adopted on February 13, 2013. While counties may enter into cost-share contracts based on their allocations, DATCP will not pay reimbursements on those contracts until after counties sign a grant contract with DATCP. DATCP usually mails out grant contracts by late April or early May.
- DATCP will accept 2014 joint grant application materials for SWRM, UNPS & SW construction grants after the distribution of annual county report on March 1st. Obtain the materials from this website, [http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Land_and_Water_Conservation/SWRM Grant Program Working Manual/Allocation and Other SWRM Functions/index.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Land_and_Water_Conservation/SWRM_Grant_Program_Working_Manual/Allocation_and_Other_SWRM_Functions/index.aspx). Separate DNR materials are available here, <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/Grants.html/>. The application materials are due by April 15, 2013.
- The 2013 Notice of Intent and Notice of Discharge grant application and instructions are now available on the DNR website at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/aid/nod.html>. For CY 2013, DNR has approximately \$1.0 million and DATCP has \$200,000 available in funding. There will be three grant application review periods throughout the year. The first application deadline is April 15th, 2013.
- On March 14th, DATCP will offer Microsoft Live training on the grant application process and cost-sharing. Contact Kim Carlson, 608 224-4610, Kim.Carlson@wi.gov for information. A second training will be offered. . In conjunction with this training, DATCP will provide guidance to counties on how they should plan to handle any extensions of 2013 cost-share contracts into 2014 to account for potential changes in ATCP 50. Until then, if counties have questions about contracts they are signing and potential impacts of the new ATCP 50 rule on cost-sharing, they can contact Richard.Castelnuovo@wi.gov.

Land and Water Resource Management Plans

- At its February 5th meeting, the LWCB reviewed the anticipated schedule of plan presentations for 2013 and 2014, including possible extension requests from counties. The Board decided that counties should strive to make copies of their plan available online for Board members to review, or at least to provide a pdf version of their plan for the Board packet. Board members may request in advance a printed copy of the plan for their review, and at least one printed copy of the Plan will be provided for the official LWCB file.

Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEAs)

- DATCP will accept petitions for designation of AEAs through March 29, 2013. Petitions must be completed jointly by at least five local landowners and the local governments involved. The goals of the AEA program are to preserve farmland through voluntary farmland preservation agreements and support the local agricultural economy.

Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)

- DATCP held public hearings for ATCP 49 in Appleton, Eau Claire, Wausau, and Madison. The department will next prepare a final draft rule for the ATCP Board's consideration on May 14th. If the board approves the final draft rule, DATCP will then transmit the final draft rule to the Governor's Office of Regulatory Compliance.

ATCP 50

DATCP developed a public hearing draft of ATCP 50, the administrative rule for the soil and water resource management program. The hearing schedule is shown below. More information is at <http://datcp.wi.gov/atcp50>

- **Eau Claire** – Tuesday, March 26th, 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m., Town of Washington Town Hall, 5750 Old Town Hall Road
- **Appleton** – Wednesday, March 27th, 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 6:00-8 p.m., Outagamie County Highway Department, Conference Room, 1313 Holland Road
- **Tomahawk** – Thursday, March 28th, 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 6:00-8 p.m., Rodeway Inn & Suites, 1738 Comfort Drive
- **Platteville**- Wednesday, April 3rd 2:30pm-4:30pm and 6:00pm-8 pm, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Bjarne Ullsvik Hall South, 1 University Plaza (Corner of S Hickory Street and Main Street)
- **Madison** – Thursday, April 4th, 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 6:00-8 p.m., DATCP, 2811 Agriculture Drive, board room.

Engineering

- DATCP scheduled trainings for drainage board members on March 7th in Madison, and March 20th in Oshkosh. Wisconsin law gives a general outline of how a drainage board might establish benefits for a drainage district; however, there is considerable leeway and room for confusion. The trainings hope to clarify calculation of benefits, assessment of costs, collection of assessments and application for permits needed to perform work in drainage districts. Contact Seth McClure, DATCP Drainage Engineer, at 608-224-4627 with questions.
- DATCP will work with counties and DNR to streamline the process for submission and review of permit applications related to manure storage.

CREP

- As reported previously, CRP and CREP were extended until September 2013 with the most recent extension of the Farm Bill. However, the FSA state office reported they cannot accept sign-ups until they receive notice from the national office, which may occur this spring. Several counties contacted DATCP stating they have a waiting list for landowners. FSA recently announced a general CRP sign-up that will run from May 20th to June 14th, 2013. All previously participating CREP counties signed an amendment with DATCP to extend the CREP County-State contract. DATCP will notify counties when the State FSA announces acceptance of CREP enrollments.

Staffing Updates

- The Bureau of Land and Water Resources is saddened by the untimely passing of Dennis Presser, who worked for DATCP assisting with Land and Water Resource Management plans, manure storage ordinances, and special projects such as Yahara CLEAN and the Clean Sweep. Dennis was an avid conservationist, hunter, and trout fisherman. He held active roles in many organizations including the Ruffed Grouse Society, Dane County Conservation League, Nature Conservancy, Southwest Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the Prairie Enthusiasts and until recently was Chairman of the Prescribed Fire Council of Wisconsin. We will miss Dennis's kind hearted, humorous personality and his dedication to conservation in Wisconsin.
- Kathy Endres, Operations Program Assistant for the Bureau of Land and Water Resources, started a new job with the University of Wisconsin on Monday, February 26th. We wish her the best of luck with her new position!



Thursday Note

An Update on Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Issues

Volume 16, Issue 2

Thursday, March 21, 2013

WLWCA Holds 60th Annual Conference "United In Conservation"

What a success this year's WLWCA Annual Conference turned out to be! The conference held in the Wisconsin Dells on March 11-13, 2013 served as a capstone in WLWCA history, marking its 60th anniversary as well as the first annual conference for the newly merged association of county land conservation supervisors and department staff. Despite Mother Nature's best attempt to detour folks with blinding snows across the central belt of Wisconsin, it was not enough to hinder a packed house with a total attendance of 339 including a wide variety of speakers. Supervisors and staff joined forces to discuss forthcoming financial challenges in the face of budget restrictions and state rule revisions, to network, and to gain insight on emerging conservation issues and management.

The event kicked off with Senator Dale Schultz addressing some of the politics woven through conservation. Presentations ranged from the political dynamics of working with legislators to the simple idea of engaging youth, and from basic skills in land conservation to advanced programming in nutrient management compliance and adaptive management. Several excellent county presentations captured ongoing research and programs across the state including quantitative water quality data in programming, waterborne pathogens, shoreline management incentives, conservation decision-making tools, and public swimming beach safety. John Larson, CEO for National Association of Conservation Districts, addressed the crowd on day two with passion and wisdom engrained in his words, reminding us that we are a strong and unique association here in Wisconsin, structured unlike any other state in the nation. Additional presentations during the conference included an update on Wisconsin's bat population, groundwater well testing, climate change and conservation planning, and innovations in aquatic invasive species control. Tuesday's dinner banquet provided the opportunity to listen to 2012's award-winning youth conservation awareness speeches and give recognition to 2013's conservation award winners, which was inspiring and rejuvenating. Witnessing the gratitude of staff acknowledging their peers, colleagues, and landowner's hard work and dedication is always something to appreciate.

To wrap up the conference, Jim VandenBrook, Perry Lindquist, Bill Schuster, Marcy West, and Adam Payne provided an excellent history of the past 60 years of WLWCA and the beginning of a new legacy for the association. A special thank you once again to the Professional Improvement Committee (PIC): Patty Benedict, Al Brandt, Lisa Burns, Greg Cleereman, Rod Engh, Dale Konkol, Kelly Maginnis, Carla Masten, George Mika, Kirsten Moore, Dan O'Connell, Joe Piechowski, Geoff Schramm, Chris Schlutt, Amy Callis, John Exo, and Pat Murphy for coordinating the programs and speakers, keeping the raffle ALIVE with 892 tickets sold and generating \$2234, and assisting with all of the ins and outs of conference planning. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated! Dennis Presser also served on this committee and will be greatly missed. And a very special thank you to Penny Pohle, the "Auction Crew," and all the auction donors for organizing this year's Silent Auction which generated \$3605 in funding for WLWCA's Youth Education Programs!

~MaryJo Gingras, Professional Improvement/Conference Committee Chair

2013-15 Biennial Budget Update

The Governor's budget for the upcoming biennium was released just two weeks ago. The proposed reduction in funding for county conservation staff was identical to DATCP's earlier agency request. The base budget available for staff funding is down by approximately \$1.3 million annually to about \$8 million. The Governor's budget also reduces the amount of funding available to support nutrient management cost-sharing and related activities from \$5.3 million annually to \$2.5 million.

The effects of state budget cuts on local governments are especially severe now that the effects of levy limits are phasing in. Ironically, these cuts come at a time when DATCP expects greater efforts on the part of county land conservation departments to implement state conservation priorities. While county staffs are dedicated entirely to conservation and public service, the prolonged effect of state budget lapses, which will now be made permanent, have

forced many counties, especially rural agricultural counties, to reduce staff dramatically. Some counties no longer have county conservationists. It is not surprising that these staffing reductions coincide with increasing rates of cropland soil erosion and more streams and lakes being added to the impaired waters list than those being removed from it.

WLWCA lobbying efforts will now be focused on the restoration of those budget cuts during deliberations of the Joint Committee on Finance, which we anticipate will be holding statewide hearings sometime in April. Significant support for the maintenance of funding for local land conservation has been building. Both the Wisconsin Farm Bureau and Wisconsin Farmers Union adopted resolutions of support for county land conservation at their recent statewide conferences. And of course, counties have also submitted letters and resolutions in support of funding restoration to their state legislators. WLWCA thanks you and welcomes your support as well.

~Jim VandenBrook, Executive Director

ATCP 50 Happenings

DATCP has proposed revisions to ATCP 50, the rules for the Soil and Water Resource Management Program. The rules adopt new performance standards on farms which include the application of soil erosion control and nutrient management practices to pastures, tillage setbacks from streambanks, process wastewater controls, as well as significant changes to DATCP's funding allocation process to county land conservation departments. Here are rule-making events, past and future:

- **Economic Impacts:** DATCP received comments on the economic impacts of the proposed revisions to ATCP 50, the rules for the Soil and Water Resource Management Program until February 25th. Eleven comments, ten from land conservation departments and one from WLWCA were received by the deadline. DATCP will not revise its analysis based on the comments received.
- **Public hearings:** You can attend a public hearing to comment orally, turn in written comments, or simply to learn about the proposal. Written comments will be received by DATCP until April 30th. The WLWCA Administrative/Legislative Committee will draft comments for WLWCA members to consider prior to public hearings. Here is the hearing schedule:
 - **Tuesday, March 26, 2013** – Eau Claire 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Town of Washington Town Hall, 5750 Old Town Hall Road
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 - **Thursday, April 4, 2013** – Madison 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. DATCP, Board Room, 2811 Agriculture Drive.

~Jim VandenBrook, Executive Director

Wisconsin Envirothon Just 22 Days Away

The 2013 Wisconsin Envirothon: Sustainable Management of Grazing Lands is scheduled for April 12 at Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt. Fourteen middle and high school teams from Adams, Barron, Clark, Dane, Iron, Kewaunee, Marquette and Outagamie County will compete in four field exams pertaining to aquatic ecology, forestry, soils and land use, and wildlife, and then give ten-minute presentations based on a pre-determined natural resources scenario to a panel of four grazing experts. Middle schools and high schools will take the same exams and use the same scenario for their presentations. The winning high school team will advance to the North American Envirothon: the continent's largest environmental education competition, for a chance to win college scholarships. This year's North American Envirothon will be held at Montana State University-Bozeman August 4-9.

The team presentation scenario will be available online for public viewing and for students to prepare on Friday, March 22. Go to www.envirothonwi.org to be directed to the EE in Wisconsin profile for Wisconsin Envirothon and view the scenario teams will work with for their presentations.

Special thanks to John DuPlissis of the UW-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources Forestry Department, Matthew Jacobson of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Leah McSherry of the Student Wildlife Society at UW-Stevens Point, and Brian Pillsbury and Shaunna Repking of USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for drafting our field exams and team presentation scenario. Thanks also to Barron, Florence, Green Lake, Iron, Kewaunee and Waupaca County for providing Envirothon with financial support!

~Kirsten Moore, Office Manager

Sand Lake Conservation Camp Registration Now Open

Registration is available for the 8th annual Sand Lake Conservation Camp, to be held at Camp Bird Youth Camp near Crivitz on June 20-22, 2013. Camp is designed for Wisconsin and Upper Michigan youth attending grades 6-8 this fall. Sand Lake Conservation Camp provides youth with positive educational outdoor experiences, helps them better appreciate and understand nature, and introduces a variety of opportunities in natural resources and conservation careers. Campers engage in fun hands-on activities, learn about the outdoors and its inhabitants, make new friends, talk with natural resource professionals, learn new skills, and enjoy the beauty of Camp Bird.

Go to www.wlwca.org and select "Programs/Youth Camps and Contests" to be directed to WLWCA's EE in Wisconsin profile. Link there to Sand Lake Conservation Camp (under "Events") to find out more and download the camp brochure and camper registration packet. The registration fee of \$60 (postmarked on or before May 30; \$75 if postmarked after May 30) covers food, lodging, and instruction. Registrations will not be accepted after June 5 and space is limited. Feel free to forward this information to schools, teachers, outdoor clubs, conservation organizations, 4-H groups, scout troops, YMCAs, Boys and Girls Clubs, and other potentially interested groups in your area.

If you have questions or need more information about Sand Lake Conservation Camp, please contact Anne Bartels at 715-732-7784 or abartels@marinettecounty.com.

~Anne Bartels, Marinette County Land and Water Conservation Division

NACD's 2012 "Soil to Spoon" Poster Contest Winners Announced

The National Association of Conservation Districts held their poster contest during their 2013 Annual Meeting in San Antonio this past February. Students from Barron, Grant, Sawyer and Washington County represented Wisconsin at the national event, and WLWCA is pleased to announce that Laliphat Tantiphipop from Barron County received an Honorable Mention in the Grade 10-12 category.

NACD is in the process of returning posters to state conservation association offices. With five posters to return to almost every state, this is no small task. WLWCA will notify counties and re-distribute the national qualifying posters as soon as posters are returned. For a complete listing of all the posters that placed at the national level visit www.nacdnet.org/education/contests/poster/2012/2012-winners. Congratulations to all the poster contest participants and to Laliphat Tantiphipop for her success!

~Kirsten Moore, Office Manager

Standard Oversight Council Update

The Standards Oversight Council released its 2012 Accomplishment Report at the WLWCA Annual Conference last week. The report highlights last year's major achievements, compiles all standards that were updated in 2012, describes team participation, and touches on the focus of our work in the future. You can view the report here: http://socwisconsin.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/2012SOC_AccomplishmentReport1.pdf

One of SOC's goals for the future is to improve participation in our process. SOC's new website is the beginning of our efforts in achieving this goal. A few of the changes we will be implementing to make it easier for technical standard users to give us feedback are 1) To provide summaries of revisions to draft standards and mark-up copies for viewers to more easily locate changes, 2) To update the Technical Standards Needs Survey to an online, more concise format, and 3) To reach out to technical standard user groups to receive in-person feedback on our future work plans and standard revisions.

Seventeen NRCS practice standards have been revised and published this year to date, many with minor revisions. Summaries of the revisions are noted in these announcements [FOTG WI-60](#) and [FOTG WI-61](#).

~Gini Knight, Standards Oversight Council Coordinator



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Calendar of Events

WLWCA Outreach & Education Committee, Stevens Point	Mar 22
WLWCA Technical Committee, Stevens Point	Mar 22
ATCP 50 Public Hearings, Eau Claire	Mar 26
ATCP 50 Public Hearings, Appleton	Mar 27
ATCP 50 Public Hearings, Tomahawk	Mar 28
WI River Water Quality Improvement Symposium, Stevens Point	Mar 28
LWCB Meeting, Madison	Apr 2
ATCP 50 Public Hearings, Platteville	Apr 3
ATCP 50 Public Hearings, Madison	Apr 4
WLWCA Executive Committee, Appleton	Apr 4
Protecting the St. Croix Conference, River Falls	Apr 8
Stormwater Workshop, Pewaukee	Apr 10
Lake Winnebago Area Meeting, Appleton	Apr 12
Wisconsin Envirothon, Rosholt	Apr 12
2014 Joint DATCP/DNR SWRM Grant Application Deadline	Apr 15
GLNAC Annual Meeting, Milwaukee	Apr 18
WLWCA Administrative/Legislative Committee, Stevens Point	May 1
SOC Meeting, Madison	May 7

For more information about our events and partner organization events, visit www.wlwca.org/eventscalendar.html

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