



## LAND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

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### MEETING OF THE LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016 COURTHOUSE – LAND INFORMATION CONFERENCE ROOM

**Members Present:** Ted Sauve, Clancy Whiting, Mary Noll, Gilbert Engel, Fred Meintz, and Rick Polzin

**Members Excused:** Gilbert Engel

**Others Present:** John Lefebvre, LID; Greg Cleereman, LID-LWC; Aleta DiRienzo, LID-LWC; Carolyn Ward, WI-DNR and Wendel Johnson. Charles Panske and Joan Campbell 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** (Holley/Meintz) to approve the agenda and addendum as presented. Motion carried no negative vote.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
**MOTION** (Polzin/Noll) approve the minutes of November 7, 2016 as presented. Motion carried no negative vote.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT  
Caroline Ward, Wildlife Biologist with WI-DNR introduced herself to the committee. She is based out of Wausaukee and is the contact for the Deer Advisory Committee. She replaces Janet Brehm.
5. REPORTS BY COOPERATING AGENCIES
  - **USDA-FSA ~ Program Updates:** Dates to remember:  
Now to August 1, 2017 ~ Time frame to enroll 2017 ARC & PLC contracts.  
Now to March 15, 2017 ~ Deadline to apply for Non-Insured Assistance Program for Spring planted crops.  
December 16, 2016 ~ Deadline to enroll for the 2017 Dairy Margin Protection Program  
December 26, 2016 ~ FSA Offices closed due to observance of the Christmas Holiday.



Enrollment for the Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs is ongoing until August 1, 2017. Producers will want to enroll within the required time periods to ensure they will not miss out on any financial assistance for 2017 crops. Producers should contact the FSA Office to schedule an appointment and complete enrollment of their farms.

FSA Office is now accepting Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL's) for 2016 crops on all eligible commodities. MAL's are a great tool available for producers to use as interim financing to help meet cash flow needs for their operations without having to sell commodities when market prices are typically lower at harvest time. Crops included are wheat, corn and soybeans.

The deadline to submit ballots for the 2016 County Committee Elections has been extended to December 13, 2016. The previous deadline was extended to give producers a few additional days to return ballots. Producers and landowners that participate or cooperate in any FSA program are eligible to vote. Ballots must be postmarked by December 13, 2016.

6. CORRESPONDENCE  
None

7. 2016/2017 SNOWMOBILE TRAIL THROUGH HARMONY HARDWOODS  
**MOTION** (Meintz/Whiting) to approve the relocation of the snowmobile trail through Harmony Arboretum property. Motion carried no negative vote.

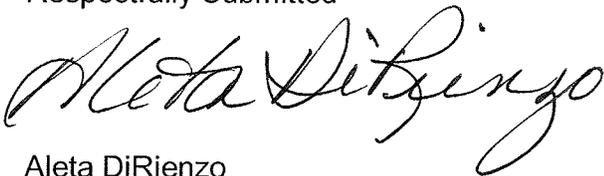
8. LAKE MICHIGAN LAND & WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION BUDGET & PLANNING MEETING  
**MOTION** (Holley/Noll) to authorize Land Information Committee members and staff to attend the Lake Michigan Land & Water Conservation Association Budget & Planning Meeting in Brown County on January 13, 2017. Motion carried no negative vote.

9. REPORTS BY LAND INFORMATION STAFF

- November LWCD Activities ~
  - *I & E Specialist* ~ 16 programs were held for 437 students and teachers with the TOAD Program. The programs slow down this time of year due to increased holiday programs, vacations etc.
  - *Conservation Technician* ~ Nutrient Management contracts signed with Klimek, Veriha and Wagner for a total of 1,521.39 acres. Signed engineering contracts with Strzyzewski and the Marinette County Fair Grounds to encumber the LWRP money from 2016. Finished Veriha roofed barnyard and manure storage plans so he would qualify for "high priority" in NRCS cost share application.
  - *Water Resource Specialist* ~ Heavy rain stymied efforts to draw down Beecher Lake for the scheduled dredging. The siphons were put back into service to help remove the increased inflow but two of them froze and burst. Collected sediment samples from Glen Lake for analysis. Continuing to work on the City of Peshtigo Fish Viewing Platform. Also helped with the Harmony Arboretum Privy, surveyed shoreline on the Menominee River to develop an

- erosion control plan and winterized the boats.
- *County Conservationist* ~ the Harmony Arboretum privy is 95% complete, worked on reimbursement requests and attended several meetings that include WI Land + Water Outreach Committee and County Conservationist Meeting.
  - County Conservationist Meeting ~ County Conservationist reported that at the meeting the Governor is looking into bringing some manure digesters into the state, a new work plan template to make it more consistent with the goals and objectives described in the County's Land & Water Resource Plan. Learned about "legacy phosphorus" that is trapped within the silt on the bottom of water bodies, even doing conservation practices this phosphorus is still leaking into the water. Have tested dredging the streams down to the native cobble and found the phosphorus levels decreased.
10. NOVEMBER SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS  
The November Schedule of Invoices (\$27,233.87) was presented to the committee.
11. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING  
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Land Information Conference Room.
12. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING
- County Deer Advisory Committee ~ 5 year review of the Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at the Village of Crivitz Hall.
13. ADJOURNMENT  
**MOTION** (Meintz/Holley) to adjourn at 10:07 a.m. Motion carried no negative vote.

Respectfully Submitted



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