



LAND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

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MEETING OF THE LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017 COURTHOUSE – LAND INFORMATION CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: Ted Sauve, Rick Polzin, Clancy Whiting, Robert Holley, Gilbert Engel, and Mary Noll

Members Excused: Fred Meintz

Others Present: John Lefebvre, LID; Greg Cleereman, LID-LWC; Aleta DiRienzo, LID-LWC; Ross Mielke, APHIS; Jeremy Irish, APHIS; and Renee Miller, ROD.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sauve at 9:02 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION (Holley/Polzin) to approve the agenda and addendum as presented. Motion carried no negative vote.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION (Polzin/Engel) approve the minutes of January 9, 2017 as presented. Motion carried no negative vote.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
None
5. REPORT BY LAND INFORMATION STAFF
 - **Wisconsin Association of Environmental Educators Winter Workshop ~ Anne Bartels, Information Education Specialist** (*Moved up from Item 14~ Anne had a program in Menekaunee to teach having to leave early*). The theme for the Winter Workshop was Play – Create – Educate. Had a session on tree and shrub identification, School Gardens that ties into the Children's Garden at Harmony Arboretum (received some good information and shared it with Gina and Scott of UWEX), and had a speaker about Forest Kindergartens where kids go outside every day, no matter what the weather is. This is a new concept for the US – been going on in Europe for a while. January and February have been busy months with the TOAD (Teaching Outdoor Awareness & Discovery). January reached 675 children and February looks to be over 500 children reached – these are up from last year's



figures. In the down time ~ busy with planning for Sand Lake Conservation Camp and maintenance of TOAD equipment and pelts. Also am writing the wildlife test for Wisconsin Envirothon. The Envirothon is an environmental knowledge competition for High School students held in April.

6. REPORTS BY COOPERATING AGENCIES

USDA – FSA ~ Report by Mary Noll, FSA Representative ~ Important deadlines to keep in mind: Now - August 1, 2017: ARC/PLC Contract Enrollment: Now - March 15, 2017: Non-Insured Assistance Program ~ deadline to apply for coverage on spring planted crop. Conservation compliance: Producers participating in USDA programs will need to contact their local FSA office prior to modifying, tilling, draining, dredging, filling, clearing, or leveling any wetland or drainage ditches. Failure to contact the FSA office could result in loss of all federal payments, including crop insurance premium support and USDA program eligibility. As of January 23, 2017 Oconto-Marinette will also be having shared management with the Shawano-Menominee office as they are currently without a County Executive Director. USDA recently launched a new service called Bridges to Opportunity that connects farmers and ranchers to services beyond the traditional USDA programs and Loans. Contact the local FSA office to learn more about Bridges to Opportunity at 920-829-5406.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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8. TRANSFER FROM NON-LAPSING ACCOUNT FOR ENVIRONMENT SITE ASSESSMENT

MOTION (Whiting/Holley) to recommend to the Finance Committee and the County Board the transfer of \$10,000 from the non-lapsing account for Environmental Site Assessment to the Environmental Site Assessment Purchase of Service Account to cover costs associated with bringing the Wausaukee Laundromat Site Environmental Investigation to closure. Motion carried no negative vote.

9. WILD RIVERS INVASIVE SPECIES COALITION WATERCRAFT INSPECTOR GRANT

MOTION (Engel/Polzin) to accept and administer a grant from the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition to fund project position Watercraft Inspectors and associated costs, subject to the Marinette County Corporation Counsel's review of the grant agreement. Motion carried no negative vote.

MOTION (Holley/Noll) to recommend to the Personnel Committee approval of the two Watercraft Inspector Project positions, not to exceed 540 hours total between the two positions. Motion carried no negative vote.

10. 2016 WILDLIFE DAMAGE AND ABATEMENT PROGRAM CLAIMS

MOTION (Polzin/Noll) to approve the 2016 Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program claims as presented. Motion carried no negative vote.

11. ASSIGNMENT TO AGRICULTURAL AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Postponed ~ Place on agenda for March 13, 2017 Land Information Committee Meeting.

12. 2017 WI COUNTIES CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE
MOTION (Engel/Polzin) to approve the Registrar of Deeds attendance at the 2017 Wisconsin Counties Constitutional Officers Conference held in Madison, March 6 – 8, 2017. Motion carried no negative vote.
13. LAKES CONVENTION ATTENDANCE
MOTION (Whiting/Holley) to approve the Water Quality Specialist's attendance at the Wisconsin Lakes Convention held in Stevens Point, April 5 – 7, 2017. Motion carried no negative vote.
14. SUMMER LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Postponed ~ Place on agenda for March 13, 2017 Land Information Committee Meeting.
15. REPORTS BY LAND INFORMATION STAFF ON DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS
- County Non-Metallic Mining Program ~ Program regulates sand, gravel, pit run, granite etc. that is over an acre in size. In Marinette County there are 77 active mines, 24 are owned by the county or towns, 53 are privately owned, 62 actively mining, with in excess of \$1.5 million in financial assurance.
 - Lake Michigan Land & Water Conservation Association Planning & Budget Meeting ~ Marinette County will be hosting the Spring Meeting on May 19. The LMLWCA Summer Tour will be hosted by Sheboygan County on July 28th.
 - County Deer Advisory Council Meeting held on January 18 ~ A Power point was shown about Chronic Wasting Disease. There is no cure or medicine for this disease. It has been researched that even after 5 years the disease is still showing up in the soil within the perimeter fence of a closed deer farm.
 - Wisconsin Land & Water Legislative Administrative Committee meeting held on January 19 ~ DATCP cost share on Nutrient Management Plans is going up from \$7 to \$10 but with no increase in the cost share amount. Means that we can cost share fewer acres than we could before. The effective date will be January 1, 2018. There are differences between the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regarding wetlands. The NRCS looks at wetlands as pertaining to the Farm Bill while the WI DNR uses the Clean Water Act. The two organizations have completed a Memorandum of Understanding to work out this disconnect.
 - January LWCD activities
 - Chuck Druckrey, Water Resource Specialist ~ busy with completion of a dredged channel to facilitate drawdowns of Beecher Lake to control Eurasian Water Milfoil. Helping the City of Peshtigo with the fish viewing platform. Helped the Lake Noquebay Rehabilitation District with a grant for a new aquatic plant harvester.
 - Paul Klose, Conservation Technician ~ been working on several projects for committees he is on. Developing a standard for milk house waste and feed lots. Very active with the Marinette County Wellness Committee. Several projects in the works for this summer: Lee Veriha, Rusch Farms, Hoffman Farms, and Giese Farms.
 - Greg Cleereman, County Conservationist ~ mailed out a Nutrient Management Letter to 80 farmers and Nutrient Management Planners to make sure the implementation of the Nutrient Management Plans are being

followed correctly. Working on the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Annual Reports and the 2018 funding grant.

16. JANUARY SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS
The January Schedule of Invoices (\$3,153.01) was presented to the committee.
17. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Land Information Conference Room.
18. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING
 - Land Information Committee assignment to the Agricultural and Extension Education Committee
 - Date and location of annual summer committee meeting out in the county.
19. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION (Polzin/Holley) to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried no negative vote.

Respectfully Submitted



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