

MINUTES
Clark County Land Conservation Committee
Friday, February 5, 2016, 9:30 am
Courthouse Auditorium

**CORRECTED AND
APPROVED MINUTES**
Approved at 03/22/2016
Conservation Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Rick Opelt, Don Koerner, ~~Duane Boon~~, Judy Lonning (arrived at 9:58), and Chairman Fritz Garbisch. A quorum of the Committee was present.

Committee Members Absent: Duane Boon

Others Present: Jim Arch - County Conservationist, Sheri Denowski – Conservation Engineer, DeWayne Snobl – Wildlife Specialist, USDA-APHIS, Jane Reigel – NRCS District Conservationist, Deb Esselman – FSA Director, Wayne Hendrickson (arrived at 10:01), Ed Nowobielski – guest, and Shirley Iwanski - Office Assistant.

1. Fritz G. called the meeting to order at 9:39 am.
2. Roll call was taken.
3. Review of last month's minutes. Don K. made the motion to approve last month's minutes. Seconded by Rick O. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Review of last month's vouchers. Rick O. made the motion to approve last month's vouchers. Seconded by Don K. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. **USDA Agency Reports**

NRCS

Jane R. reported EQIP has 14 new contracts. Aerial seeding was done on 300 acres. Wetland clearing is down.

FSA

Deb E. reported Farm Plus is now online including maps. ARC had nice payments for 2014 and 2015 should be good. ARLCLP signup is now until August for 2016. Facility loan are available, including for silos, bunkers, hay storage, and bulk tanks. Must be signed up for MPP program to be eligible. Interest rates are around 2%.

6. **Public Comment**

Public comment was heard.

7. **Land Conservation Department Report and Updates**

- I. Wisconsin Land and water conservation Association
WI Land+Water annual Conference is March 2-4 this year. Jim A., Sheri D., Don K. and Fritz G. will be attending. Jim A., Don K. and Fritz will be attending the conference in Eau Claire on Feb. 10th.

- II. Working Lands Initiative- Farmland Preservation, Jim A. is working with Planning & Zoning on updating certification.
- III. Sportsman Lake Recreational Area and Wildlife Refuge
Jim A. will be talking to Brian regarding the field survey needed regarding the boardwalk. Rick O. mentioned a motion for approval of materials for boardwalk was already done last year.
- IV. Animal Manure Management Update. Jim A. said nothing new to report.

8. Wildlife Damage and Abatement Claims Program

- I. Shooting Permit Harvest Exemption Consideration
Discussion was had on a shooting permit harvest exemption for Mark Brey. Don K. made the motion to approve shooting permit. Seconded by Rick O. All ayes. Motion carried. Discussion was had on a shooting permit harvest exemption for Helen Bohac. Don K. made the motion to deny shooting permit. Seconded by Rick O. All ayes. Motion carried.
- II. 2015 WDACP Clark County Claims
Rick O. made the motion to approve claims for Mark Brey and Bryan Wegner. Seconded by Judy L. All ayes. Motion carried.
- III. 2015 Deer Donation
An update was given on the deer donations for 2015. No deer were donated in Clark County due to no deer processor participation. Donations were down state wide.
- IV. Other Wildlife Items
There are 25 commercial beekeepers in Clark County. Wildlife Damage can provide electric wire fencing for nuisance bear.

9. Land Rental Bids - Sportsman Lake Bid Opening

A Class Two Notice was posted for two weeks advertising acceptance of land rent bids for approximately 193+/- acres of cropland for the years 2016-2020. Sealed bids were accepted until Thursday February 4, 2016.

Rick O. made the motion to grant the bid at \$155.96 per acre, \$30,100 total per year. Seconded by Don K. All ayes. Motion carried. Listed below are the bid results, winning bid in bold.

<u>Bid ID</u>	<u>Amount Total</u>	<u>Per Acre Amount</u>
1	\$19,49300	\$101.00
2	\$17,852.50	\$92.50
3	\$20,000.00	\$103.63
4	\$24,897.00	\$50.00
5	\$9,650.00	\$135.00
6	\$26,055.00	\$91.00
7	\$24,000.00	\$124.35
8	\$30,100.00	\$155.96
9	\$27,985.00	\$145.00

10. 2016 Land + Water Conservation Association Dues
Update on Land + Water Conservation Association dues Don K. made the motion to pay the state Water Conservation Association dues. Seconded by Rick O. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Next Meeting Date
The next Land Conservation Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 9:30 am in Room 307.

14. Rick O. made the motion to adjourn at 11:54 am. Seconded by Don K. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted to the committee by Shirley Iwanski.