

MINUTES
Clark County Land Conservation Committee
Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 9:30 am
Courthouse Auditorium

Committee Members Present: Rick Opelt, Don Koerner, Duane Boon, Judy Lonning, and Chairman Fritz Garbisch. A quorum of the Committee was present.

Committee Members Absent:

Others Present: Jim Arch - County Conservationist, Shirley Iwanski - Office Assistant.

1. Fritz G. called the meeting to order at 9:37 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**
No report given in March.
6. **Public Comment.**
No public comment.
7. **Land Conservation Department Report and Updates**
 - I. Wisconsin Land and water conservation Association
 - a. Don K. reported on the WLWCA West Central Area District Meeting attended on Feb. 10th in Eau Claire.
 - b. Jim Arch and Fritz G. reported on the WLWCA State Conference held on March 2-4 in Elkhart Lake, WI. It was mentioned at the conference that Nutrient Management Planning is going down. Cost Share is available but there are less plans. Possibly as a result of more green farms but less dairy farms.
 - c. Land+Water Resource Management Plan. Jim reported plan is due at the end of the year. Department can apply for a 3-year extension and Lisa would take it to the Board in Madison. Can also apply for a 5-year extension in which case Jim would need to do a Power Point presentation before the Board presenting the work plan,. Fritz proposed that Jim work towards the 3-year extension.
 - II. Working Lands Initiative- Farmland Preservation
 - a. Jim A. reported the department does not have the staff or resources to complete the plan without assistance. Motion made by Rick O., seconded by Duane B. to get

proposal and costing from an outside source and send letter and proposal to the Executive Committee for action. All Ayes. Motion carried.

III. Sportsman Lake Recreational Area and Wildlife Refuge

- a. Jim A. reported that Becky Davis from PF/NRCS/WDNR will be taking a look at Sportsman Lake for possible habitat restoration.
- b. The dock at the north end of the lake needs to have the posts extended to accommodate rising water and prevent shifting of the dock.
- c. Jim is working on changing the dialer for Sportsman Lake. It is currently calling the fire chief and it should be calling him.

IV. Animal Manure Management Update.

- a. Jim reported on situations with farmer's test pits, pit abandonment, as-built certifications and on manure runoffs.
- b. The department has issued six manure storage permits – three for chicken facilities and three dairy. There are four storage closures set for the summer of 2016 and some well decommissioning.
- c. A hog farm is purposed in the town of Reseburg with 700 to 800 animal units.

8. **Mead Lake Assoc. – watershed situation**

Jim reported a TMDL was completed a couple of years ago. Mead Lake Association would like the assistance of Land Con Dept. to clean Mead Lake. The department can encourage NMP and promote cover crops.

9. **Wetland Delineator Class**

Rick O. suggested Jim check with Brian to see if they could provide the department with delineating wetlands in a timely manner. If not, then the department engineer should attend the class.

10. **Department Vacancy**

Jim A. reported an offer was made to an applicant to fill the Agronomist position.

11. **Hiring of Dept. Intern**

The committee purposed to not hire an intern for this year.

12. **Next Meeting Date**

The next Land Conservation Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2016 at 9:30 am in the Clark County Courthouse Auditorium.

14. Don K. made the motion to adjourn at 11:35 am. Seconded by Duane B All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted to the committee by Shirley Iwanski.
