

MINUTES
Clark County Land Conservation Committee
Monday, April 25, 2016, 9:30 am
Courthouse Auditorium

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

Committee Members Absent:

Others Present: Jim Arch - County Conservationist, Amanda Kasparek – County Agronomist, Wayne Hendrickson – Chairman of the Clark County Board of Supervisors (arrived at 9:46 a.m.), 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 Judy L. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. **USDA Agency Reports**
Judy L. reported on the FSA meeting held on April 6th in Curtiss.
.No NRCS report.
6. **Public Comment.**
No public comment.
7. **Land Conservation Department Report and Updates**
 - I. Wisconsin Land and water conservation Association
 - a. There will be Supervisor Training on May 12th in Menomonee. Jim A. will be attending.
 - b. Land Con New Employee training in Madison on April 28th. Jim, Sheri, Amanda and Shirley will attend.
 - II. Working Lands Initiative- Farmland Preservation
 - c. LCC reviewed the Farmland Preservation Plan. Fritz mentioned that the only steps completed so far have been public meetings. Still needs to have mapping done, update the plan and hold township meetings.
 - d. Wayne H. said the current Plan has 33 maps and 15 written pages. Should be able to just update any changes in current plan. Jim will speak to Keith at the

May 12th Supervisor training if we can submit the old plan with the necessary changes.

- e. Jim A. will work towards getting a proposal and costing from an outside source and, if necessary, send letter and proposal to the Executive Committee for action.

III. Sportsman Lake Recreational Area and Wildlife Refuge

- a. Jim A. reported that Brian Duell, Planning and Zoning, will be surveying Sportsman Lake regarding the boardwalk and will verify if it is in a flood plain.
- b. LCC discussed that maintenance of Sportsman Lake is being carried out by Land Con Department. Previously Matt has trimmed trees, weeding of walking paths, etc. Now Jim has been doing maintenance. Committee questioned why Land Con staff is maintaining Sportsman Lake. Fur, Fin & Feather has the management agreement to maintain Sportsman Lake. If Fur, Fin & Feather does not have the resources, should maintenance be turned over to Forestry & Parks? Don K. would like to go with Brian during that survey and also suggested Jeff from Fur, Fin & Feather go as well
- c. Jim A. reported that geese fencing has been removed at Sportsman Lake. Jim will check with Josh Neilsen to see if he removed it.

IV. Animal Manure Management Update.

- a. Jim reported on illegal manure pit in the Owen/Thorp area. A cease order had been issued in November. Jim will inform owner he must get a private engineer to sign off on the pit construction.
- b. Jim reported on manure runoff in the Humbird area. Owner will reduce number of cattle and install a fence to keep cattle away from stream.
- c. Jim reported on a manure spill in Green Grove area. Owner pumped out the spill, pumped down the pit and replaced clean out caps that had burst.

8. **Department Volunteer**

Jim asked if the committee would be in favor of using a volunteer in the department. Rick O. suggested Jim check with HR for any restrictions on volunteers.

9. **Envirothon**

Don K. requested that a donation request for the Wisconsin Envirothon be reviewed at next month's meeting.

10. **Next Meeting Date**

The next Land Conservation Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 9:30 am in the Clark County Courthouse Auditorium.

14. Don K. made the motion to adjourn at 10:52 am. Seconded by Judy L. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted to the committee by Shirley Iwanski.
