

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

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

Committee Members Absent:

Others Present: Jane Reigel – NRCS District Conservationist, Jane Schmitz and Fred from Heath Care Center, Jim Arch - County Conservationist, Shirley Iwanski - Office Assistant.

1. Fritz G. called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.
2. Roll call was taken.
3. **Health Care Center** - Jane and Fred from the Clark County Health Care Center reported on their 5 year plan, including an organizational review, market analyze and building assessment. They are currently licensed for 188 patients. The proposed west wing would add 24 beds in phase one and phase two would add an east wing. It is expected that the elder population will double by 2030 and the expansion is necessary to meet the growing needs.
4. Review of last month's minutes. Rick stated on Item 6.I.i. the cost of the plan needs to read \$18,500, corrected from \$18.500. Bryce L. made the motion to approve last month's minutes with the change. Seconded by Rick O. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Review of last month's vouchers. Bryce questioned why there are telephone bills from TDS, Verizon and Frontier. Jim and Fritz explained TDS is the office phone, Frontier is the auto dialer at Sportsman Lake and Verizon is the cell phones. It was discussed that no one is using the cell phones since Matt and Brent left. Shirley will look into cancelling the cell phones. Bryce made the motion to approve last month's vouchers. Seconded by Rick O. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. **USDA Agency Reports**
NRCS
 - I. Jane Reigel reported on funding results from the Local Work Group meeting in Stetsonville for the Price, Taylor and Clark EQIP program. It was well attended. Jim suggested they add an additional hour to the meeting.
 - II. Jane provided information on other NRCS programs and practices, including assistance for New and Beginning Farmers, cover crops, organic initiative, etc.
 - III. Jane will be meeting with Planning & Zoning regarding wetlands. Jane stated that just because it looks like a wetland, doesn't mean it's a wetland. Jane said if anyone suspects a wetland violation, they should report it to the DNR.

FSA

Judy L. reported on the FSA meeting held on July 19th.

6. **Public Comment.**

No public comment.

7. **Farmland Preservation** – Jim stated that Eric Anderson from West Central Regional Planning Commission, hired to develop our Farmland Preservation Plan, would like to attend the next Land Conversation Committee meeting to discuss a steering committee. Committee agreed to have Eric attend the August meeting.

8. **Update on no-till drill** – Chili Implement has ordered the no-till drill with expected delivery in early September. They will bill when it arrives.

9. **Land Conservation Department Report and Update**

- I. **WLWCA Summer Meeting** – Bryce attended the Summer Meeting on Friday, July 22 and went to the Farmland Preservation session. Sue Porter is planning additional meetings - Sept. 3rd in Eau Claire and an August meeting, exact date to be determined, in Antigo.

II. **Working Lands Initiative** –

- a. Jim provided an update on the landowner who is not in compliance with Farmland Preservation standards. Farmer had a pipe burst last winter and it flushed manure into a ditch. Jim, Sheri and Terry Kafka from the DNR visited the site again recently and the farmer still has manure running into a ditch. He has a heifer barn 150 feet from the road which has an 8 foot section with no wall and manure is escaping. Sue Porter told Jim he should not put the farmer in non-compliance – he would lose the Farmland Preservation credit. Rick stated he should not have runoff whether he gets funding or not. He must be put on notice he is in violation. Jim will send him a letter that if the problem is not corrected, he will receive a notice of discharge.

III. **Sportsman Lake Recreational Area and Wildlife Refuge**

- a. muskrat trapping – As of July 13th, there have been 35 muskrats trapped.
- b. Mowing – Jim stated they have someone who will be cutting the grass on the berm and spillway.
- c. Boardwalk update – Jim reported Army Corp of Engineers looked at Sportsman Lake last month and determined that part of the proposed trail would be in wetlands so they would not approve a trail. It would need to be a raised boardwalk. Don said a boardwalk would need to be 4 to 5 feet off the ground so it is not financially possible to build a boardwalk. Brian Duell had suggested it might be best to move the pier.
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- d. Lake Management Plan
 - a. Tiffany Kleczweski from Flambeau Engineering reported on the status of the Lake Management Plan, which is mostly funded by a DNR grant. They have completed an aquatic plant survey, water quality sampling, watershed maps, etc. The Comprehensive Plan draft is 95% complete. They are now working on the Rec plan, including trails, parks, etc. and it should be complete by October.
 - b. It has been found that the lake has extremely high phosphorus levels. They are looking at the Nutrient Management Plans in the watershed.
 - c. It will be recommended to control curly leaf weeds. Water samples should be done once a month.
 - d. It is critical to run the aerator in the winter to avoid fish kill
- e. Wave berm survey update – Jim, Don and Sheri met with Mary King to survey the wave berm. Mary felt the problem could be that the water level is too high and causing erosion.

IV. Animal Manure Management Update.

- a. Jim reported we are waiting for confirmation from the engineer to see if the illegal pit meets standards. One sample did not meet the fines and they are redoing the sample. Bryce said the lawowner knew when it was built it was not in compliance. Jim asked for the committee recommendation on how to proceed. Rick suggested the department send a letter stating we are now past the 60 day compliance request. Bryce said to go back to corp counsel and get their suggestion on how to proceed.
- b. Update on other projects
 - a. Seven permits have been issued for new manure storage facilities and two closures.
 - b. There is a bid showing on July 27th for a new waste storage facility near Greenwood.
 - c. The hog facility in the town of Resesburg wants to add four finishing barns by the end of the year. Looking at adding seven in total.

V. Land and Water Resource Management Plan – Will be getting a three year extension

- 10. **Logging Contract** – Don reported very little cutting was done on the logging contract and now the contractor has health issues. Cut logs and debris have been left on site. Fritz asked Jim to check with Forestry and Parks regarding logging contracts.
 - 11. **Approve cost of scale repair** – The department’s two portable scales used to weigh manure spreaders, etc. can be repaired by Intercomp Company for a total of \$531.07. One needs to have the circuit board replaced and both need to be re-calibrated. Don motioned to repair the scales, seconded by Rick. All Ayes. Motion carried.
 - 12. **Next Meeting Date**
The next Land Conservation Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17th, 2016 at 9:30 am in Room 307 at the Clark County Courthouse.
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14. Bryce made the motion to adjourn at 11:12 am. Seconded by Don. All ayes. Motion carried.
Minutes prepared and submitted to the committee by Shirley Iwanski.