

MINUTES

Clark County Land Conservation Committee

Tuesday, April 24th, 2018, 9:30 am

Clark County Courthouse, Auditorium

Committee Members Present: Don Koerner, Bryce Luchterhand, Martin Nigon – FSA, Chairman Fritz Garbisch, Dan Clough. A quorum of the Committee was present.

Committee Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jim Arch – County Conservationist, Shirley Iwanski - Program Assistant

Fritz G. called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Review of the minutes of previous LCC meetings.

- a. Don K. made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting as presented. Seconded by Dan C. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- b. Bryce L. made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting as presented, seconded by Dan C. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review of March vouchers.

- a) Jim A. reviewed the vouchers for March. Don K. made the motion to approve March vouchers as presented. Seconded by Marty N. All ayes. Motion carried.
- b) Review of vouchers requiring LCC approval.
 1. Cost Share Contract for SEG Funds, Nutrient Management, was presented in the amount of \$2,080. Payment will be reimbursed to the department in full from DATCP. Bryce L. made the motion to approve Cost Share payment of \$2,080, seconded by Marty N. All ayes. Motion carried.
 2. USDA-APHIS invoice for the Wildlife Damage and Abatement program was presented in the amount of \$11,211.19 – to be reimbursed from DNR. Bryce L. made the motion to approve USDA-APHIS payment of \$11,211.19, seconded by Don K. All ayes. Motion carried.

1. USDA Agency Reports

a. **NRCS**

- i. No report from NRCS.

b. **FSA**

- i. Marty N. reported on FSA programs, including ARC-PLC – most producers have completed their contracts. MPP Dairy signup began April 9th. Gearing up for crop reporting. Reminder to notify FSA of any damage to building after the recent snowstorm for emergency declarations.

2. Land and Water Resource Management Plan

- a. Jim reported the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) had their first meeting on March 22nd. The overwhelming opinion of the CAC is that there needs to be more education - especially on no-till and cover crops – and less regulation. Fritz there should be more than one field demonstration site. Additional sites would be great, but how would they be paid for? The Large Scale TRM and EPA grants can only be used in the Eau Claire River watershed. Jim has placed an ad in the Central Wisconsin Shopper with information regarding rental of the department's no-till drill.
- b. At the CAC meeting, Dan Leaver of the Lake Arbutus Association stated that the water quality at Lake Arbutus has been declining over the last 20 years. Bryce felt there is too much manure spreading.
- c. Jim presented a Natural Resources opinion survey for the committee's review. The last time the LWRM Plan was updated, a similar survey was mailed to approximately 1,500 individuals in the county. Bryce suggested Jim check with UW-Extension regarding who the survey could be sent to.

3. Sportsman Lake

a. Emergency Dialer

- i. Jim reported service has been cancelled with Frontier Communications for the emergency dialer. Current dialer has not been working. Energenics received the new dialer but it was damaged in shipment and installation was delayed waiting for a replacement. New dialer will be installed soon - possibly later this week.

b. Boat Landing Signs

- i. Jim has received the four boat landing signs as ordered. The highway department will be installing.

c. Wave berm repair

- i. Jim reported wave berm project is complete and contractor has been paid.

d. Removal of pulp logs

- i. Jim reported that the logs have still not been removed as contracted. Jim said there is approximately seven cords of oak and a semi load of pine. Don K. suggested Jim place an ad in the newspaper in an attempt to sell the lumber.

4. Large Scale TRM Grant

- a. Jim reported that the Large Scale TRM Grant application was submitted on April 16th. If approved, funding could be for up to \$500,000 and would be used in 2019-2021 to hire an intern, rent land for field demonstrations and education. An EPA EE Grant would be used in 2019-2020. If the EPA EE Grant is approved, the amount from the EPA EE grant funds would be subtracted from the TRM Grant.
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- b. Jim reported a class in conjunction with the Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition will be held. The class will include how to improve soil health through no till, cover crops, etc. Class will be limited to the first 20 or 25 farmers who register. If not enough participation from farmers, the class would be opened for agency staff. Cost would be \$30 per person and include a tool kit bag containing a soil thermometer, compaction probe, soil infiltration, etc. Class is anticipated to be held in early August.
- c. The committee signed off on the Governmental Responsibility Resolution giving Jim the authorization to apply for the Large Scale TRM grant.

5. New department truck

- a. Bids for a new department truck are:

Bid #	Dealer	Truck Type	Bid Amount
1	Urban Sales	2018 Dodge RAM 2500 Crew Cab	\$29,699
2	Gross Motors	2018 Chevy Silverado 1500 Crew Cab	\$29,218
3	Gross Motors	2018 Ford F-150 Super Crew 6.5' box	\$31,467
4	Gross Motors	2018 Ford F-150 Super Crew 5.5' box	\$31,178
5	Gross Motors	2018 Chevy Silverado 1500 Crew Cab	\$29,375

- b. Fritz stated only the Dodge RAM is a ¾ ton as requested in the bid specifications.
- c. Bryce L. made a motion to accept the Urban Sales bid for a 2018 Dodge RAM in the bid amount of \$29,699, seconded by Dan C. All ayes, motion carried.
- d. Jim confirmed with Urban Sales that the bid does include a topper.

6. DATCP meeting

- a. DATCP held a meeting on April 10th in the Town of Washington (Eau Claire).
 - i. Jim stated that discussion included the Farmland Protection Plan (FPP) and the impact of wind farms. A tower typically has a one-acre footprint. Depending on the contract and where towers are placed and the number of towers, it may impact the FPP and the landowner may need to pay for parcels to be removed from the FPP.
 - ii. The new Nutrient Management Standard 590 was discussed at the DATCP meeting. The new NMP checklist must be used in 2018 in offered Cost Share or putting in manure storage.

7. Land Conservation Department Reports and Updates

- a. Department Staff
 - i. Amanda Kasparek has passed her CCA exam. WooHoo!! The committee sends Amanda their congratulations!
- b. Working Lands Initiative
 - i. Amanda has approximately 80 inspections to do this year.
- c. Nutrient Management Plan updates

- i. Jim reported on an e-mail received by Amanda from a Nutrient Management Planner regarding the NMP checklist due date of April 1st and the difficulty in receiving those updates on time. The department needs to increase staff or do something to insure NMPs are received by the deadline. Marathon County imposes a penalty of \$150 for each month when a NMP is not received by the deadline and Marathon County claims it has helped a lot. Fritz suggested that collecting data by nutritionist from the farmers/landowners should be left between them. Jim will invite the sender of the email to the next LCC meeting to discuss his concerns and suggestions.

d. Engineers Report

i. AMMO Permits

1. Jim stated we have received a proposal for four hog finishing barns: Section 36, Town of Hendren – Section 34, Town of Hoard – Section 24, Town of Withee – and Section 11, Town of Hendren. There are also proposals for two chicken barns: one in Section 33, Town of Withee and one in Section 4, Town of Unity. Sheri will be participating in test pits at those sites.
2. Received an application for underbarn storage in Section 9, Town of Reseburg and a notice from the DNR for plans to construct two 30-million gallon waste storage facilities in Sec 6, Town of Grant.
3. Sheri is also working on 14 grass waterways, two rock crossings, one diversion, two streambank stabilizations, two well decommissioning, and one waste storage closure.
4. Sheri questioned Jim if she should be on site for the entire time of digging test pits. She said last year she was generally there approximately half the time. Bryce suggested Sheri should use her own judgement based on which engineer she is working with. Some need to be monitored more than others. All on the committee agreed.

8. Public Comments – No public comment.

9. Next Meeting Date

- a. Next regular committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22nd at 9:30 a.m. at the Clark County Courthouse in the auditorium.

10. Adjourn

- a. Don K. made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. Seconded by Marty N. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted to the committee by Shirley Iwanski.
