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MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Land Conservation/Solid Waste Committee
Date: Monday, February 10, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo, WI

Land Conservation Committee			
Name		Role	Status
David Solin		Chair	Present
Joe Novak		Vice Chair	Present
Carol Feller-Gottard		Member	Present (arrived late)
Reinhardt Balcerzak		Member	Present
Roger Buck		Member	Absent
Tom Schmidt		FSA Representative/Member	Present

Non-Committee Members Present				
Name		Interest	Name	Interest
Duane Haakenson		Zoning Administrator	Molly McKay	LCD Conservationist
Becky Rank		Deputy County Clerk/ Recording Sec.	Alix Bjorklund	TIP
Haley Lucas		Shoreland Specialist	Dennis Clark	County Manager
Ron Barger		Health/DSS Director	Brian Loeffenlhoz	DATCP- By Phone

The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:

1. **Call meeting to order/ silence your cell phone.**
Motion by Novak, second by Balcerzak to excuse Buck and Feller Gottard. All ayes, motion carried.
2. **The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Approval of previous meeting minutes.** Motion by Schmidt, second by Balcerzak to approve the previous meeting minutes of January 13, 2020. All ayes, motion carried.
4. **A request was made for public comment on agenda items and the consideration of items to be added to future agendas.** None
5. **Non-routine business requiring discussion/action:**
 - a. **Well monitoring project for 2020 and 2021:** McKay asked for Committee approval to do an immediate well monitoring project to start April 2020. McKay stated after talking with Kevin Masarik from UWSP she would like to do a short term immediate Well Monitoring project with the focus in the Town of Antigo, Polar and Neva. McKay stated the testing would be at the cost of the homeowner with the only cost to the County would be mailing. McKay stated the test would be \$55. The water test would be for nitrates, bacteria, PH, alkalinity, hardness, chloride, conductivity and corrosivity index. When the testing results are returned, UWSP will do a public training. McKay stated the County will get all the test results to start

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tracking for a long-term program. Motion by Schmidt, second by Novak to start an immediate Well Monitoring Project. All ayes, motion carried.

McKay presented the Committee with a printed report from Dodge County Groundwater Project Proposal. Discussion held on the start of a long term Well Water Monitoring Project. Discussion held on proposed Senate Bills having to do with Ground Water Testing. Information only.

Feller Gottard arrived at the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

- b. **CREP boundary modification request.** McKay introduced Brian Loeffelholz, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Manager with DATCP who appeared by phone. Loeffelholz did a PowerPoint Presentation on Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). CREP is a resource to help agricultural landowners meet their conservation goals, particularly those who till or graze land along rivers and streams. CREP pays landowners to install filter strips along waterways or to return continually flooded fields to wetlands while leaving the remainder of the adjacent land in agricultural production. McKay presented the Committee with a letter asking for consideration in the expansion of the CREP Riparian Project Area to include portion of Langlade County, Towns of Peck, Neva, Price, Polar, Antigo, Ackley and Rolling. Motion by Balcerzak, second by Novak to approve letter asking for consideration in the expansion of the CREP Riparian Project. All ayes, motion carried.
 - c. **2019 Recap of projects.** Item will be held until next meeting.
 - d. **Continuing TIP Coordinator Support.** Item will be held until next meeting.
6. **Agency Reports:** TIP Alix Bjorklund updated the Committee on the TIP Program. Bjorklund stated TIP has applied for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding. TIP and WHIP will be working together in applying for a Sustain our Great Lakes Grant. Bjorklund is working on the annual plan, including the extension of work on the Spring Brook Trail. Annual TIP meeting is February 18, 2020 in Keshena, WI. In April TIP is planning two citizen-based monitoring events, funding coming from the DNR. Antigo's event is tentatively planned for April 24, 2020. TIP will teach citizens how to identify and monitor for invasives.
7. **Department update:** McKay presented the Committee with a written Land Conservation Department report. Report is attached.
8. **Reports of events attended:** None
9. **Upcoming events:**
- a. February 18, 2020, TIP Annual Meeting, Keshena, WI
10. **Schedule next meeting date:** March 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
11. **Adjourn meeting:** Motion by Novak, second by Feller Gottard to adjourn the Land Conservation Committee Meeting at 10:47 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:
Becky Rank, Deputy County Clerk

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January 2020

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

- Planning education programs
- o NM Training – March 18-20
- o Soil Health Field Day – Summer 2020
- Youth Conservation Speaking and Poster Contest
- o Poster theme: Where would we BEE without pollinators
- Hosted 2020 Area Speaking and Poster Contest
- Submitted 2020 Lakes Classification grant reimbursement
- Working on 2020 Healthy Lakes Grant
- Submitted 2019 Staffing Grant reimbursement request
- Set date for 2020 Clean Sweep event
- o August 22, 2020
- o Location will be finalized in spring
- Updated Farmland Preservation list and sent to DATCP
- Discussing Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) boundary modification to include Langlade County areas
- Working on a voluntary well testing project for 2020
- Discussing plans for 2021 well testing project
- Preparing Wildlife Damage reimbursement request
- Project design/planning/installation
- o Working on permits for shoreland restoration
- o Working on project planning & design
- Events/training attended:
- o NCLWCA meeting (all)
- o Lakes and Rivers Partnership Call (Haley)
- o Wild Ones Meeting (Haley and Molly)
- o Lumberjack RC&D Meeting (Chris)