



MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Agriculture & Extension and Land Conservation Committee/Solid Waste Committee
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: County Board Room, Lower Level of the Safety Building, 840 Clermont Street

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

1. Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Nye

AG & EXTENSION AND LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE/SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Name	Role	Status
Sandy Fischer	Chair	Absent
Ron Nye	Vice-Chair	Present
Carol Feller Gottard	Member	Present
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Member	Present
Tom Schmidt	FSA Representative/Member	Absent
Thomas Bauknecht	Member	Present

Non- Committee Members Present

Name	Interest	Name	Interest
Cole Lubinski	Research Station Manager	Molly McKay	LCD Conservationist
Duane Haakenson	Zoning Administrator	Becky Rank	Deputy County Clerk/ Rec. Sec
Karalee Brock	Lead Program Assistant	Chris Arrowood	Land Conservation Technician
Beth Meyer	FoodWise Educator	Haley Lucas	Shoreland Specialist
Dan Marzu	Ag Educator	Holly Luerssen	4-H Program Coordinator
Peggy Winter	NRCS	Tracy Beckman	Executive Director Lumberjack RC&D (via phone)

2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

Motion by Balcerzak, second by Feller Gottard to excuse Fischer from today's meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

3. **Approve previous meeting minutes.** Motion by Balcerzak, second by Bauknecht to approve the previous meeting minutes of August 10, 2020. All ayes, motion carried. Chairman pulled item #5. Ag & Extension presented first.

4. **Public Comment on agenda items, and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas.** None.

- ~~5. **Elect Vice Chair of the Committee:**~~

6. **Land Conservation Business:**

- a. **Agency reports.** Winter updated the Committee on NRCS. Discussion held on CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program), EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) and ABC (American Bird Conservation). Information only.

- b. **Review cooperative agreement for Tri County Aquatic Program.** McKay presented the Committee with a draft Tri County Aquatic Program Cooperative Agreement. McKay stated this agreement documents the manner in which the Lumberjack RC&D Council (agent) will provide core Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Citizen Lake Monitoring Network services in the coverage area during the Term of Agreement referenced. The coverage area includes the following counties Forest, Langlade and Oconto. The goal is to improve

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surface water quality through the detection, prevention and control of Aquatic Invasive Species and monitoring of lake water quality conditions. McKay stated 1 full time employee with benefits will be hired by Lumberjack the acting agent per the Tri County Aquatic Program Cooperative Agreement. Langlade County has the resources to house this employee. DNR Lake Protections and Monitoring will fund this position. Motion by Balcerzak, second by Feller Gottard to approve the Tri County Aquatic Program Cooperative Agreement. All ayes, motion carried.

- c. **Review and approve surface water grant resolution.** McKay asked the Committee to support the application for a Surface Water Grant to conduct a lake protection project. Motion by Balcerzak, second by Feller Gottard to approve the Resolution in support of the application for a Surface Water Grant. All ayes, motion carried.
- d. **Review and approve Lumberjack RC&D grant applications.** McKay and Lucas asked the Committee to support of a Lumberjack Grant for Langlade County Water Monitoring and Education. Lucas explained the grant is for \$3,000 with Langlade County Match at 50% with 15% cash. Langlade Counties portion is \$150 and volunteer Services (114 hours). Motion by Feller Gottard, second by Bauknecht to approve the Lumberjack grant application. All ayes, motion carried.
- e. **Review lake district appointments.** McKay stated due to new Committee member Bauknecht she would like to review lake district appointments. Discussion held. Thomas Bauknecht will now be the representative for Enterprise Lake District. Information only.
- f. **Discuss Land Conservationist position.** Haakenson addressed the Committee stating Molly McKay has turned in her resignation as Langlade County Land Conservationist. Haakenson stated Personnel Committee has given approval to advertise for the position. Haakenson asked the Committee approval to fill the vacant position, stating this position is 100% grant funded. Motion by Feller Gottard, second by Balcerzak to approve filling the vacant Land Conservationist position. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Balcerzak, second by Feller Gottard to approve Haakenson to sign for all Water Surface Grants. All ayes, motion carried.

Haakenson and the Committee thanked McKay for her years of service and the great job she has done. Haakenson and Arrowood will be interim until the position is filled.

- g. **Budget summary.** McKay presented the Committee with an August budget summary. Committee reviewed with no questions or concerns. Information only.
 - h. **Department updates.** McKay presented the Committee with a written report. Discussion held on the manure truck spill at the intersection of Hwy 64 and Hwy S. Report is on file in the County Clerk's Office. Information only.
 - i. **Reports of events attended.** Balcerzak updated the Committee on the attendance of Mary Lake Association, Nye updated the Committee on the Pickerel/ Crane Lake Association. Discussion held on wild rice returning to Pickerel Lake. Feller Gottard attended Lumberjack RC&D virtually, however there was technical difficulties and the meeting was cut short. Information only.
7. **Ag & Extension Business:**
- a. **Program Updates: Health & Wellness Program, FoodWise Program, 4-H Program and Agriculture Program (including Research Station), Office Program Assistants.** The educators introduced themselves to the new member. Committee received a written reports from each educator. Short discussion held with questions from the written reports. Reports will be on file in the County Clerk's office. Information only.

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- b. ~~June~~ **August Budget Summary for Ag & Extension.** Brock presented the Committee with an August Budget Summary for Ag & Extension. Committee reviewed with short discussion held. Information only.
 - c. **Update on PAT equipment purchases.** Brock stated previously the Committee has approved 2 laptops and projector for Pat equipment purchase. Brock stated the equipment is all on backorder, they are looking at the possibility of lapel microphones as a different option. Discussion held on Pesticide Applicator Training Program. Information only.
8. **Schedule next meeting.** October 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in County Board Room, Land Conservation Department presents first.
9. **Adjourn the Meeting.** Motion by Bauknecht, second by Nye to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes transcribed and submittedⁱ by:
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Recording Secretary
