



MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Land Conservation/Solid Waste Committee
Date: Monday, January 8, 2018
Time: 8:30AM
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo, WI

| Land Conservation Committee | | | |
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| Name | Role | Status | |
| David Solin | Chair | Present | |
| James Jansen | Vice Chair | Present | |
| Carol Feller Gottard | Secretary | Absent | |
| Joe Novak | Member | Absent | |
| Samuel Hardin | Member | Absent | |
| Dave Wilson | FSA Representative/Member | Present | |
| Non-Committee Members Present | | | |
| Name | Interest | Name | Interest |
| Duane Haakenson | LRR Director | Sherelle Schmidt | Public |
| Ron Nye | Filling in for J. Novak | Wayne Schultz | Public |
| Peggy Winter | NRCS | Ty Larson | NRCS |
| Molly McKay | LCD Conservationist | Chris Arrowood | LCD Technician |

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

1. Meeting called to order at 8:31AM

Solin noted that Nye was appointed to serve on the committee for this meeting due to several absences of the regular committee members.
2. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes.

Motion by Jansen, Second by Solin to approve the meeting minutes for the December 4, 2017 meeting. 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. The following Non-Routine Business items were reviewed:
 - a. Request for Cancellation of Notice of Non-compliance with Farmland Preservation Program Tax Credit Requirements (Cancel NON) – At the December 4 meeting of the LCC two Notices of Noncompliance with Farmland Preservation Program Tax Credits (NONs) were issued. Both landowners addressed the committee to request a Cancel NON.

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Sherrelle Schmidt – requested a Cancel NON to allow her to re-enter the Farmland Preservation Program. She explained that her failure to return the required annual certification was due to clerical oversight.

Motion by Jansen, second by Nye to issue Cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance with Farmland Preservation Program Tax Credits to Sherrelle Schmidt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wayne Schultz – requested a Cancel NON to allow him to re-enter the Farmland Preservation Program. He explained that there are two Wayne Schultz on his mail route, mail often gets mixed up, and that he has updated the mailing address to include the business name so that it will not happen again.

Motion by Nye, second by Wilson to issue Cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance with Farmland Preservation Program Tax Credits to Wayne Schultz. All ayes. Motion carried.

- b. Discuss possible revisions to Animal Waste Storage Ordinance – McKay has been working with Haakenson to revise the Animal Waste Storage Ordinance (Chapter 24). Changes to the ordinance were reviewed. Nye requested that we look into including language regarding manure haulers to reduce the conflicts that often arise with the towns. McKay will confer with DATCP and Corporation Council regarding possibility of this. Solin would like to continue the registration of facilities but change to a four year cycle. Additional changes to language will be made and brought back to committee in February. Information only.
- c. Watering System Policy – The department requested guidance on including watering systems in the cost of shoreland restorations using SWRM funds. Watering systems are an important component of a successful project but costs can vary dramatically. Haakenson suggests capping the amount towards a watering system at \$1,000 and limiting to two growing seasons.

Motion by Wilson, second by Nye to cost share up to 50% of the cost of a watering system as a part of all shoreland restoration projects, not to exceed \$1,000. All ayes. Motion carried.

- d. Office Closures – The County has been discussing changing office hours for departments. Offices would be open 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Thursday and 8am to 1pm on Fridays. Discussion about the benefits to employees and to the public who would like to reach the offices earlier. This will be going to county board for final decision. Information only.
- e. Review of 2017 SWRM Projects – Chris Arrowood presented a PowerPoint of all projects installed by the department using Soil & Water Resource Management (SWRM) funds given to the County for use each year. Information only.

6. Agency Reports:

NRCS – Peggy Winter, District Conservationist, and Tyrone Larson, Assistant State Conservationist attended the meeting to give an update. Information was shared on CSP, RCPP, and EQIP – next proposed EQIP batching date in May 18, 2018. The new USDA Service Center at

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803 Superior Street in Antigo is open. FSA is already holding office hours daily from 9am to 3pm, with a Grand Opening Monday, January 8. NRCS is waiting for their furniture to arrive so they can move into the new space. They expect to be occupying no later than March 1, 2018.

7. Department Updates: A verbal report of the month's activities was presented to the committee.
8. Reports of events attended:
 - a. Solin attended the North Central NACD meeting January 9-10. Eight or nine resolutions were drafted to send on to the National Conference later this month. NACD is interested in developing programs for maple syrup producers.
9. Upcoming events:
 - a. January 12, 19 & 26 Nutrient Management Farmer Training, Eau Claire River Room
 - b. January 25 Lumberjack RC&D, Oneida County
10. The next meeting of the Land Conservation Committee is scheduled for February 5 at 8:30am in the Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo, WI.
11. Motion by Jansen, second by Solin to adjourn meeting at 10:10AM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes submittedⁱ by:
MOLLY MCKAY, LAND CONSERVATIONIST
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

ⁱ cc: LCC County Clerk