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MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Land Conservation/Solid Waste Committee
Date: Monday, February 11, 2019
Time: 9:00 AM
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	
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Member	Present	
Ben Pierce	Member	Present	
Vacant	FSA Representative/Member	Absent	

Non-Committee Members Present			
Name	Interest	Name	Interest
Chris Arrowood	Land Conservation Technician	Molly McKay	LCD Conservationist
Becky Rank	Deputy County Clerk/ Recording Sec.	Celie Borndal	NRCS
Josh Svenkel	NRCS	Jody Geiger	NRCS
Tyrone Larson	NRCS	Alix Bjorklund	TIP
Jeremy Irish	USDA-APHIS		

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

1. Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Committee Chairman Solin.
2. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes. Motion by Pierce, second by Novak to approve the previous meeting minutes of January 7, 2019. 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. Approve 2018 Wildlife Damage Claim: USDA-APHIS Jeremy Irish presented the Committee with a crop damage claim. Irish stated the claim is for organic corn damaged by bear. Irish stated \$860 needs to be approved.
Motion by Balcerzak, second by Feller Gottard to approve the claim for \$860. All ayes, motion carried.
 - b. Discuss & Approve Turkey Donation Program: Irish asked the Committee if Langlade County would be interested in participating in the Turkey Donation Program. After a

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discussion the Committee stated they were not interested in participating in the program. No action taken.

- c. Discuss Environmental/Agricultural/Natural Resources Committee: Chairman Solin asked for this item to be table until further notice.
 - d. Update on youth programs: McKay updated the Committee on the Youth Conservation Speaking & Poster Contest on January 18, 2019. McKay stated there were five poster entries in three age categories. Winners went onto the area contest. McKay stated two of our area entries won and will go to the State contest on March 13, 2019. McKay stated they are now taking applications for the Conservation Summer Camp Scholarship. Information only.
 - e. Discuss resolutions to be voted on at WI Land + Water Annual Meeting: McKay presented the Committee with 3 Resolution that will be at the WI Land & Water Annual Meeting. McKay explained the process of how the county has a vote on the Resolutions presented. The Resolutions presented are: To Restore 3.6 Million in Funding to UW Extension; Recommend Changes to the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program and Support of Reforming Wisconsin's Eminent Domain Laws. Discussion held on the three Resolutions. McKay asked the Committee if they had any concerns or questions on the Resolutions. The Committee would like the Resolution To Restore 3.6 Million in Funding to UW Extension to be passed onto Ag & Extension Committee for consideration.
6. Agency Reports: NRCS Assistant State Conservation for Field Operations Tyrone Larson updated the Committee on NRCS, introducing Celie Borndal, Soil Conservationist out of Rheinlander, Josh Svenkel, Soil Conservationist and Jody Geiger, Administrative Support. Larson stated Borndal is coving for Peggy Winters while out on leave. Borndal updated the Committee, stating 20 applications have been received for the 2019 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). Borndal all so discussed the Conservation Stewardship Program. Svenkel and Geiger both introduced themselves to the Committee, both are new with NRCS. Information only.
- Alix Bjorklund, TIP updated the Committee on the TIP Program. Bjorklund stated the annual meeting is going to be postponed to a different date due to inclement weather. Bjorklund stated they are recruiting for Invasive Species Tech and busy with grant writing. Information only.
7. Department update: McKay presented the Committee with a written Land Conservation Department update. Discussion held. Report is on file in the County Clerk's Office. Information only.
8. Reports of events attended: McKay and Balcerzak discussed their attendance at the NCLWCA Area Meeting.
- Chairman Solin discussed the National Conference.
9. Upcoming events:
- a. February 12 TIP Annual Meeting (Postponed) Legend Lake Lodge, Keshena
 - b. March 11 LWRM Advisory Committee Meeting County Board Room
 - c. March 13-15 WI Land + Water Conference Lake Geneva

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10. Schedule next meeting date: March 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Wolf River Room
11. Adjourn meeting: Motion by Novak, second by Pierce to adjourn the Land Conservation Committee at 10:06 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes submittedⁱ by:
Becky Rank, Deputy County Clerk
