

# **Land Conservation Committee Meeting**

**Date: August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**1. Meeting called to order at: 5:30 pm**

**2. Present:** Dave Ladd, Art Whitford, Carol Anderson, Larry Steffes, Bob Bunker, Diane McGuire

**Absent:** John Meyers

**Others Present:** Jim McCaulley, Randy Terronez, Tony Pillow

**Notice of Meeting Certification:**

Motion by Bob Bunker to approve, seconded by Art Whitford.  
Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda and minutes of previous meeting by:**

Motion by Bob Bunker to approve, seconded by Art Whitford.  
Motion carried.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

**MEETING NOTES:**

**3. WLWCA Legislative Issues**

**4. Black Hawk Lake Report**

Updated by Buck Holmes and Al Kosharek. They said numbers are down. April and June were slow, but they are expecting a rebound. They are currently working on a five year plan, with a focus on nature. From the lake study that was done, they did not learn anything new. They don't see the need to change the dam height. They also gave a storm damage update and shared their evacuation plan. They held 6 weddings in the last year. They also discussed park rangers and invasives.

**5. Farmland Preservation Program Update**

Approximately 40% of the farm visits are done. The Laverty issue is being settled. A conservation plan will be signed by the end of October. Once buffers and waterways are marked and installed with no-till planting they will be in compliance.

## **6. 2009 Budget Update**

Zero increase in the budget, with the exception of personnel. State budget, wouldn't know if funds would be available for the nutrient management program. Also, should prepare for level or slight decrease for staff support.

## **7. Updates on SAA Tour, Regional Joint Agency Meeting, and Stewardship "Land Use" Committee Report**

Dave, Art, Bob, John, Jim, Cyndi, and Andy went on the tour. There were three major stops on the tour including the cheese factory, the ethanol plant and Swiss Colony. Jim also updated on the Land Use Committee, there are 27 groups. There will be a recommendation by the end of the year.

## **8. LWRM Projects for Approval**

No new ones, but Tony updated on projects. Almost all money is committed.

## **9. Thursday's Notes**

## **10. Other Business**

\*Target Hunger – Dave and Jim are involved. They are working with SWCAP, DNR, etc. The target number is 2000 deer, they are looking for \$125,000 to process meat. The meat will be available to the County families in need.

## **11. Comments from Committee Members**

## **12. Set Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment**

Next meeting is September 11 at 7pm.