

# **Land Conservation Committee Meeting**

## **Date: August 13, 2009**

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

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

**Absent:** Diane McGuire, John Meyers

**Others Present:** Jim McCaulley, Andy Walsh

**Notice of Meeting Certification:**

Approved by Bob Bunker, seconded by Carol Anderson. Motion carried.

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

Minutes correction, Art Whitford was not absent.

Approved by Bob Bunker, seconded by Carol Anderson. Motion carried.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

**MEETING NOTES:**

**3. WLWCA Legislative Issues**

**4. Black Hawk Lake Report**

Report by Al Kosharek and Buck Holmes on Black Hawk indicates they are having a good year. They have resealed the parking lot, built a new shower house, and a new fish cleaning house is in process. They are working on increasing the site numbers, and recently built a new cabin with power and air conditioning that they will rent out for \$65 per night. They are \$24,000 ahead of last year. The lake has cleared up in the last few weeks.

**5. LCD Staff Issues**

Working with Andy's and NRCS on a contribution agreement for Alice's position for between \$4000-\$4500. Larry Steffes will authorize the voucher document to Jim. Carol Anderson moved that the Delegation of Authority be signed by Larry Steffes to Jim. Seconded by Art Whitford, motion carried.

## **6. Engineering Technician Position**

Craig Hardy, Jim McCaulley and Randy Terronez all agreed upon an 80% Land Conservation and 20% Highway Department position. Bob Bunker made a motion to approve job description in advertisement, seconded by Dave Ladd. Motion carried. Jim will establish a panel for interviews.

## **7. Land Conservation Technician Position**

Carol Anderson moved to approve position description in advertisement, Art Whitford seconded. Motion carried. There may be further discussion of sharing the position with 80% LCD and 20% Zoning in the future.

## **8. FPP Workload**

Farm Visits – have about 110 done. Hoping will be able to meet 60% of the 240 that should be done.

## **9. LCD 2010 Budget**

Jim McCaulley led the committee through the Activities and Goals form from the budget. Dave Ladd moved to support the budget as presented, seconded by Art Whitford. Motion carried.

## **10. DATCP 2009 Grant and 2010 Proposed Grant**

Bob Bunker moved to recognize funds that come into the County, Carol Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

## **11. WLWCA Dues 2010**

WLWCA lobbied and saved each County \$12,000-\$20,000 in the passed State Budget. Dues will be similar to last year. No motion was needed.

## **12. Working Lands Initiative**

Passed through the State Budget. Will affect Land Conservation and Zoning.

## **13. APHIS Budget Amendment for Deer Donation, Dave Tarrell**

Dave Ladd moved to approve amended budget for 2009 to include \$50/animal for processing for deer donation, seconded by Bob Bunker. Motion carried.

## **14. LWRM Projects and Approval and Payment**

Motion to approve projects that were paid by Carol Anderson, seconded by Bob Bunker. Motion carried.

Also Bob Bunker moved that in the future for voucher approval, Jim should collaborate with Roxie or a designated person to keep those moving as they have been so far this year. Art Whitford seconded the motion, motion carried.

## **15. Thursday's Note**

## **16. Other Business**

*DNR Surplus Equipment* – The DNR owns the Gator and may need it to be returned.

*Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)* – announced by the Secretary of Ag will be open nationwide sign up until September 30<sup>th</sup> and then will open back up around December 15<sup>th</sup> for 2010. Forest land will be included and existing management plans, about only 10% will get in.

*Thank You Note From Gollons* – was shared with the group for Conservation Award

*Training New Employees* – Andy and the NRCS Staff will be participating in orienting and training

## **17. Comments from Committee Members**

Dave Ladd mentioned the State is interested in buying the County Farm Land

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

Next meeting will be October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bunker, seconded by Dave Ladd.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.