

MINUTES
Land Conservation Committee Meeting
Date: February 10, 2011

1. Meeting called to order at: 5:03 pm

2. Present: Bob Bunker, Dave Ladd, Bill Grover, Dan Nankee, Art Whitford, Ron Benish, and John Meyers

Absent:

Others Present: Dave Terrell (APHIS), Jim McCaulley, Lucas Conmey, Andy Walsh

Notice of Meeting Certification:

Motion to accept by: Ron Benish

Seconded by: Dan Nankee

Approval of agenda and minutes of previous meeting by:

Motion to accept by: Ron Benish

Seconded by: Dan Nankee

Additions to agenda: Contribution agreement. Appointment to SW Badger RC & D. WLI new participant, WLI state position in budget.

MEETING NOTES:

3. APHIS Claims – Dave Terrill

Provided Wildlife Damage Claims summary report for 2010. There was discussion about Deidre Birmingham – high claim. 5 out of 6 claims were due to wildlife damage with the exception of David Perkins, which was based on wheat prices. Claims payments come from hunter's license fees.

Motion approve – John Meyers Second by – Bill Grover
– Motion carried.

4. NRCS Report – Andy Walsh

EQIP & WHIP closed with \$700,000 in applications. Projected was \$500,000 which will be contracted. CRP sign up is March 15th.

5. Village of Barneveld Grant Request for Birch Lake

Support, not financial, for Birch Lake grant investigation.

Motion approve – Ron Benish Second by – John Meyers
– Motion carried

6. LWRM Cost-Share Limits

Request to increase limit per year from \$3500 to \$4000. Request for a two year batch increase limit of \$8,000. Discussion about budget restraints.

Motion approve – Rob Benish Second by – Bill Grover
– Motion carried, Obstain – Dan Nankee

7. State Policies and Mandates – WLI & LWRM Cost Share

Jim McCaulley replied and explained that we have no mandates.

Motion approve – Bill Grover Second by – Ron Benish
– Motion carried

8. WLI Township meetings – SWTC Ag Report

Lucas Conmey & Jim McCaulley reported on the meetings.

9. WALCE - Employee Conference

Jim, Lucas, and Mark will be attending the WALCE employee conference on March 2, 3, & 4.

Motion approve – Ron Benish Second by – Dan Nankee
– Motion carried

10. Closed Session

11. Open Session

Go into open session

Motion approve – Bill Grover Second by – Ron Benish
– Motion carried

12. Thursday's Notes

13. Other Business

S.W. Badger RC & D meeting in Iowa County
WLI new participant – Dave Marshall

14. Comments from Committee Members

National Walnut Council meeting/field day in the end of July at Dave Ladd and Harold Manhardt farms.

**15. Set Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment
April 14th at 7:00 pm in the LCD office**

Motion to accept - Ron Benish , seconded by – Art Whitford
-Motion carried.