

MINUTES
Land Conservation Committee Meeting
Date: December 13, 2012

1. Meeting called to order at: 8:30 am, Land Conservation Department Conference Room

2. Present: Bob Bunker, Dave Ladd, Dan Nankee, Roger Dax, John Meyers, and Greg Parman

Absent: Ron Benish

Others Present: Jim McCaulley (LCD), Andy Walsh (NRCS), Debi Finkelmeyer (LCD)

Notice of Meeting Certification:

Motion to accept by: John Meyers

Seconded by: Greg Parman

Additions to agenda: Blackhawk Lake Update, WLWCA Conference, 2013 Iowa Co. Work Plan, NRCS Update, LCD Staffing/Scheduling.

MEETING NOTES: Nothing to report

3. LCD Staffing

Debi Finkelmeyer started Nov. 29th as the Land Conservation Dept. Asst. Lucas Conmey left Nov. 29th and went to Badgerland Financial in Madison. Bud, Jim and Scott have interviewed 3 final candidates to replace Lucas and hope to make a decision soon.

4. DATCP & Iowa County CREP Amendment #6

In order to continue with the CREP agreement this form needed to be signed and sent back to DATCP.

Motion made by Roger Dax to sign the amendment. Seconded by Dan Nankee. Motion carried.

5. WLI/FPP Self Certification Mailing Update

We sent out 611 self certifications and as of December 13, 2012 we have 440 returned.

6. FPP "Late Filing Fee" Resolutions

The resolution to charge the \$25.00 late filing fee after December 15th was approved. The resolution had passed EDEP, ASC and will go to the County Board. It was decided that we would not charge the fee until the first of January. Some individual circumstances we may waive that charge.

Motion made John Meyers to approve not charging until the first of the year. Seconded by Greg Parman. Motion carried.

7. PL-566 Update

All dams were mowed this year. There is a beaver dam at Murphy's and Gene VanDyke from the DNR will do clean up and remove the beaver dam at no charge.

8. Brown Co. LWRM Transfer

We received a \$12,000.00 transfer from Brown Co. for the Iowa Co. pond project. The cost was approximately \$11,000.00 and we used the remaining funds for well abandonments, preserving 2013 funds for more farmers.

9. 2013 DATCP Preliminary Allocation

Total DATCP allocation for Iowa Co. is \$200,933
\$104,192 for staffing & support, \$61,741 for bonded and \$35,000 for SEG.

10. Certificate of Recognition for Greg "Buck" Holmes

Greg Holmes recently retired from Blackhawk Lake after 20+ years of service.

Motion made by John Meyers to sign and send recognition certificate. Seconded by Dan Nankee. Motion carried.

11. LWRM Projects Approvals/Payments/Reports/Extensions

Greg Parman moved to accept and approve the new projects and contract extensions. Seconded by John Meyers. Motion carried.

Greg Parman moved to make payments for completed projects. Seconded by John Meyers. Motion carried.

12. Other Business

Blacklawk Lake Update-2011 audit was handed out. WLWCA conference will be held March 11-13 at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. 2013 Iowa Co. Work Plan was sent to DATCP and approved. The master plan is due to be updated in 2013. Andy Walsh gave an NRCS

update. There is an EQIP sign-up now through January 18th. Information was sent to the Farm Bureau for publication. Dave Ladd resigned from Prairie Restoration and Mat Masters replaced Dave. LCD scheduling-Jim has vacation time to use up before Jan. 25th so Len may work some full-time hours when Jim is gone.

13. Thursday Notes

No copy was available at this time. No comments.

14. Comments from Committee Members

No comments.

15. Set Date and Location of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. in the Land Conservation Department's conference room.

Motion made by Dave Ladd to accept date and location. Seconded by Roger Dax. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Ladd. Seconded by John Meyers. Motion carried.