

**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
February 13, 2019
THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED**

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

The meeting was properly announced and posted. Hofberger called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Laughrin, Hartl, Hofberger, Shiplett

Committee Members Excused: Gentz, LaShay

Staff Members Present for All or Part of the Meeting; Reali, Faust,

Others Present: Joe Smedberg, NRCS; Brian Maedke, USDA APHIS

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hartl and second by Shiplett to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2019 Committee Meeting

Motion by Laughrin and second by Hartl to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2019 Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)

None

7. Committee Members Reports of Official Meetings Attended in the Last Month

Laughrin reported on the legislative meeting he attended in Madison. Hartl reported on the LWLWCA meeting she attended in Oshkosh.

8. Agency and Association Reports

• **NRCS Report; If in attendance**

Smedberg reported that the Farm Bill was signed right before the holidays. There are some new programs in the farm bill but due to the government shut down, the software has not been updated to fit these programs. Smedberg also reported that 12 farmers have been pre-approved for the EQIP program and the new rules for the CSP program are unknown at this time.

• **FSA Report; If in attendance**

None



- **UW Extension; If in attendance**
None

9. Communications

- **DATCP Report; January, 2019**
Reali reported the Land Verification Work Group, which was formed for the determination of land features for depth to bedrock, has not met yet due to weather but will be meeting soon.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **Brian Maedke – USDA APHIS – 2018 Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program**
Maedke reviewed the claims from 2018 with the committee. Discussion followed.
 - **Review Claims for Approval/Denial (action required)**
Motion by Hartl and second by Laughrin to approve the 2018 Wildlife Damage Abatement claims. Motion carried unanimously.
- **2020-2029 Calumet County Land & Water Resource Management Plan**
Reali gave a power point presentation on this plan. The goals of the plan is to improve and protect groundwater and surface water quality, improve and protect soil quality and improve & protect habitat quality. The draft of the final plan will be available for public comment in late February; reviewed by DNR & DATCP; public hearing planned for April; Land and Water Conservation Committee approval, Wisconsin Land and Water Board in early June and County Board approval in late June.

11. Report of Department

- **Staff Activity Update**
A handout was included in the committee member's packets. Reali gave a brief overview of the projects each staff members is working on.

12. Upcoming Events/Past Events

- **LWLWCA; January 25; Coughlin Center; Oshkosh**
Hartl gave her report earlier in the meeting
- **Introduction to Groundwater, Private Wells and Calumet County Well Data; February 13; Engler Center; Chilton High School**
This meeting was rescheduled from January 30th due to the weather.
- **Cows or People? Fecal Sources and Risk Factors Associated with Private Well Contamination in Northeast Wisconsin; February 27; Engler Center; Chilton High School**
This event is scheduled as planned.
- **WI Land & Water Annual Conference; March 13-15; Lake Geneva**
Both staff and committee members are registered for this conference.

Motion by Hartl and second by Laughrin to approve per diem for all upcoming meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Calumet County Group Well Testing Event; March 25; Woodville, Brothertown & Chilton**
Handouts about this event was included in the committee members' packets.

13. Consider Specific Items for Next Meeting Agenda

None

14. Next Meeting Date

- **Wednesday, March 6, 2019; 1:00 p.m.**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 1 p.m.

15. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rose Faust, Recording Secretary