

**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
March 6, 2019
THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED**

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

The meeting was properly announced and posted. Vice Chair Laughrin called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Laughrin, Hartl, Gentz, LaShay

Committee Members Excused: Hofberger, Shiplett

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

Others Present: Tom Schneider and Vicki Mueller from Farm Service Agency; Todd Romenesko, County Administrator; Kirsten Jurcek, Glacierland RC&D

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by LaShay and second by Gentz to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2019 Committee Meeting

Motion by Hartl and second by LaShay to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2019 Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)

Kirsten Jurcek from Glacierland RC&D spoke to the committee about programs and projects Glacierland provides and their goals. Kirsten works with the managed grazing program.

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

Hartl reported on the recent groundwater educational event with Mark Borchartd.

8. Agency and Association Reports

• **NRCS Report; If in attendance**

None

• **FSA Report; If in attendance**

Tom Schneider reported that he is managing the Sheboygan County FSA office in addition to Manitowoc and Calumet county offices due to some staffing issues. He also reported the Market Facilitation Program has been completed and Farm Bill programs are ready to be rolled out soon.



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

9. Communications

- **DATCP Report; March, 2019**
Reali reported Amanda Kleiber would be attending one of the Conservation Partner Meetings. Reali also reported on the first meeting of the Land Verification Standard Work Group that he is a member of. On April 2, Reali will be attending the Land & Water Conservation Board meeting in Madison where three counties are presenting their Land and Water Resource Management plan revisions. Calumet County's Land and Water Resource Management Plan will be presented on June 4 in Chippewa County.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **DRAFT Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit**
Reali reported this permit expires on April 30. He summarized the changes to each section of the permit. Discussion followed. No action taken.
- **2018 Municipal Separate Stormwater Annual Report**
This report is completed on the DNR website. Most of the projects are done regionally and in addition, are listed in the Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium (NEWSC) Annual Report. Calumet County is a member of NEWSC with Dani Santry and Brent Jalonen participating in many of their activities. Discussion followed. No action taken.
- **Discussion on potential Demo Farm project for Calumet County**
Reali discussed a meeting with NRCS staff in regard to creating a demo farm project for the area. NRCS' vision, if Calumet County is willing to participate, is to also try to include Sheboygan, Manitowoc and Fond du Lac Counties. Participating farms would be demonstrating different conservation practices which could be anything from reduced tillage and cover crops to innovative practices such as low disturbance manure application. Discussion followed. The committee agreed to support this project.
- **2020-2029 DRAFT Calumet County Land & Water Resource Management Plan**
Reali summarized the DRAFT plan. Detailed presentations of the sections had been delivered at the previous two Committee meetings. The plan will go to a public hearing in April and on to the Wisconsin Land & Water Board in June. The County Board will need to take action once approved by the state. The plan has been submitted to DATCP, NRCS, FSA and DNR for review and will be open for public comment. Discussion followed. No action taken.

11. Report of Department

None

12. Upcoming Events/Past Events

- **WI Land & Water Annual Conference; March 13-15; Lake Geneva**
All staff will be attending this conference along with three Land and Water Conservation Committee members.
- **Calumet County Group Well Testing Event; March 25; Woodville, Brothertown & Chilton**
This event is being held as scheduled.

13. Consider Specific Items for Next Meeting Agenda

None

14. Next Meeting Date

- **Wednesday, April 10, 2019; 1:00 p.m.**

Due to a scheduling conflict, the next meeting will be held April 10, 2019 at 1 p.m.

15. Adjourn

Vice Chair Laughrin adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rose Faust, Recording Secretary