

CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
April 10, 2019
THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

The meeting was properly announced and posted. Chair Hofberger called the meeting to order at 1:26 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Hofberger, Laughrin, Hartl, Shiplett

Committee Members Excused: Gentz, LaShay

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes from March 6, 2019 Committee Meeting

Motion by Laughrin and second by Hartl to approve the minutes from the March 6, 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

Supervisors Hartl and Laughrin reported on Wisconsin Conservation Voters Day event they recently attended. Laughrin also reported that State Assembly Representative Ron Tusler will be in Stockbridge this Saturday and both Ron Tusler and State Senator Andre Jacque will be in Brillion the same day.

8. Agency and Association Reports

- **NRCS Report; If in attendance**

None

- **FSA Report; If in attendance**

None

- **UW Extension; If in attendance**

None



9. Communications

- **DATCP Report; April 2019**

Reali reported that our Soil & Water Resource Management Grant has been submitted to DATCP. The Land Verification Work Group will be meeting on April 25 with another meeting being held in May. The committee was also updated on a staff change at DATCP.

- **Door County Resolution Supporting a National Estuarine Research Reserve Designation for Northeast Wisconsin**

This resolution was presented at the March County Board Meeting, which was then forwarded to Planning & Zoning. No action taken.

- **Memo and Resolution Restricting the Use of High-PAH Pavement Sealants by East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission**

Reali reported he is waiting to hear back from Clean Wisconsin on a study they were going to carry out in regard how much this type of sealant is used in Calumet County. Our County Highway Department does not use this type of sealant. In a meeting with Corporation Counsel, authority was not found to support this type of ordinance. Most ordinances that have been adopted have been by cities and villages.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **Discussion on Group Testing Program and Well Contamination event near Brillion**

Santry reported on the results of the Group Testing held on March 26. The towns participating were Chilton, Brothertown and Woodville. There were 196 bottles returned and bacteria counts were compiled with this testing. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Santry reported a phone call was received on March 26 about a brown water event in the Town of Brillion. She went to the site and tested two wells. Water from those wells tested positive for E Coli. The properties were near the Manitowoc County line. Both Calumet and Manitowoc counties sent letters to homeowners within 1 mile of the event to recommend well testing. Discussion followed. No action taken.

- **Discussion on Manure Spreading Regulations**

Reali reported on an email he received from Manitowoc County about Calumet County offering cost share to a farmer in the Town of Brillion. The farmer currently has a nutrient management plan and is in compliance. Reali informed committee members this is not our policy. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Discussion was held about when a manure related violation occurs, enforcement and authority to issue citations. The citation ordinance will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

- **Discussion on DRAFT Land & Water Resource Management Plan**

The Public Hearing for reviewing the Plan will be held April 24 at 1 p.m. Official comments on the plan were received from DATCP and unofficially from DNR, official comments forthcoming.

- **Resolution Authorizing Notice of Discharge Grant Application**

Motion by Hartl and second by Shiplett to approve the Resolution Authorizing Notice of Discharge Grant Application. Motion carried unanimously. This will be forwarded to the April County Board meeting.

- **Discussion on Future of Grant Funded Position**
Reali reported he received notice that the GLRI position will be funded until February 2020 and that there needs to be future discussion on the funding of this position. Discussion followed. No action taken.
- **Review and Approve 2019 Annual Workplan**
This workplan will be inserted into the Land and Water Resource Plan. Motion by Shiplett and second by Hartl to approve the 2019 Annual Workplan. Motion carried unanimously
- **Discussion on Demo Farm Project**
Reali, NRCS, and the County Administrator met to discuss the funding of this project. A budget will be established along with in-kind matches to help offset some of the costs. A budget amendment would be needed for this project. A meeting will be held on May 9 with Manitowoc, Fond du Lac and Sheboygan Counties to gauge the interest of the other counties. Discussion followed. No action taken.

11. Report of Department

Reali reported he would have staff members Grunewald and Lisowe at the May meeting to give updates on projects they are working on.

12. Upcoming Events/Past Events

- **2019 Conservation Partner Meeting; March 28; Oshkosh**
Reali reported that staff member Kleiber attended this meeting. Topics discussed included NR151 Implementation and Conservation Practice Tracking.
- **Environment & Land Use; How Counties Protect Land & Water; WCA; April 22; Stevens Point**
Supervisors Hofberger and Laughrin are wishing to attend. Motion by Hartl and second by Laughrin to approve per diem for committee members to attend this seminar. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Land & Water Resource Management Plan Public Hearing; April 24; 1:00 pm; Courthouse**
This public hearing is being held at the Courthouse in Room 015. An agenda will be sent to the committee members.
- **Calumet County Group Well Testing Results; April 30; 7:00 pm; Courthouse**
Kevin Masarik, the Groundwater Education Specialist from UW Stevens Point will be presenting the results from the March 26 group-testing event.

13. Consider Specific Items for Next Meeting Agenda

None

14. Next Meeting Date

- **Wednesday, May 1, 2019; 1:00 p.m.**
The next committee meeting will be held on May 1, 2019 at 1 p.m.

15. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Rose Faust, Recording Secretary