

CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
February 6, 2020
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 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Hofberger, Hartl, Gentz and Laughrin
Staff Members Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Reali and Jalonen
Other Present: Brian Maedke – USDA/APHIS

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2020 Committee Meeting

Motion by Laughrin and second by Hartl to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2020 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 and Hartl reported on the Conservation Lobby Day that they attended in Madison. Topics included DATCP SWRM funding for County Staff, PFAS and bills that have been developed based on information received by the Speakers Taskforce on Water Quality.

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; February 2020**
Reali gave an overview of items listed in the report.
- **Wood County Resolution re: Support for revisions to NR 151 to set Targeted Performance Standards to abate groundwater pollution by nitrate**
Reali gave an overview of the resolution. Discussion followed. After discussion it was decided to wait and see what a proposed rule would look like before taking any action in support. Reali said that he would follow up with WI DNR to see what stage the rule development is at.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **Brian Maedke; USDA APHIS; Wildlife Damage Claims and Abatement Program**
 - **Wildlife Damage Claims Review/Approval/Denial**
Maedke gave an overview of the WDACP program participants and claims. There were 5 participants in the program with 4 of the 5 only shooting permits with no claim. There was one claim made by Randy Koehler with a payable amount of \$5,488.83.
Motion by Gentz and second by Laughrin to approve the claim. Motion carried unanimously.
 - **2019 Assembly Bill 695**
Maedke gave an overview of the Bill specifically discussing the removal of Counties from the administration of the program.
- **Resolution Authorizing Large-Scale Targeted Runoff Management Grant Application for the North Branch Manitowoc River Watershed**
Reali gave an overview of the North Branch Manitowoc Watershed Plan discussing water quality impairments and the goals of the grant application.
Motion by Gentz and second by Laughrin to approve the resolution and forward to County Board.
Motion carried unanimously.
- **Brent Jalonen; Erosion Control and Stormwater Specialist; MS4 Permit Discussion**
Jalonen handed out a PowerPoint presentation and gave an overview of the MS4 program highlighting the County's requirements under the permit. Discussion on requirements focused on structural projects that will be required and potentially funded under the grant to be discussed in the next agenda item.
Discussion followed.
- **Resolution Authorizing Urban Nonpoint Source Construction Grant Application for Calumet County**
Motion by Gentz and second by Hartl to approve the resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Discussion on protocol for response to manure spills.**
Reali gave an overview of the revised DRAFT protocol and also discussed press release and notification of spills. Committee members will continue review of the DRAFT and will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- **Discussion on current Senate and Assembly Bills impacting Land & Water Conservation Departments**
Reali gave an overview of 4 bills working their way through the legislature.
Discussed were SB 723/AB 790, SB 722/AB 800, SB 715/AB 795 and SB 718/AB 796.

- **Discussion and possible action on Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board election.**
There are 4 candidates for the WI Land and Water Conservation Board, it is required to cast a vote for 3 candidates. After discussion, motion by Gentz and second by Hartl to cast votes for Mike Hofberger, Monte Osterman and Craig Conroy and to have Reali fill out and submit the ballot. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Conservation Cooperator Award**
Reali discussed the nomination of Joe Bach and Tim Sohrweide for their work and cooperation with the Stony Brook project. Motion by Hartl and second by Laughrin to give the 2020 Conservation Cooperator Award to Joe Bach (Trout Unlimited) and Tim Sohrweide (landowner). Motion carried unanimously.

11. Report of Department

- **Staff Reports**
Staff reports will be discussed at the next meeting.

12. Upcoming Events/Past Events

- **WI Land and Water Annual Conference; March 4-6; Green Bay**

13. Consider Specific Items for Next Meeting Agenda

14. Next Meeting Date

- **Wednesday, April 8, 2020; 1 p.m.**

15. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Anthony Reali, Recording Secretary