

**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 11, 2021
THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED**

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

The meeting was properly announced and posted. Vice-Chair Hartl called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Hofberger, Hartl, Gentz, Handschke, Kesler at 1:06 p.m., Hansen at 1:04 p.m.

Staff Members Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Reali, Kleiber, Jalonen

Others Present: Alice Connors; County Board Chair

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2021 Committee Meeting

Motion by Handschke and second by Gentz to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2021 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

Hartl reported on a recent Legislative Exchange, WCA, WI Land & Water and Lakes Conferences that she recently attended. Hofberger also reported on the WI Land & Water Conference that he attended.

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

- **Senator Devin LeMahieu; Response to Letter re: Water Bills from Speakers Taskforce on Water Quality**
LeMahieu's e-mail response included news that additional funds for County Conservation staffing support was included in the Governor's budget proposal, however, the overall budget is quite large and the



legislature will be crafting their own budget. He indicated that he would keep county conservation staffing support in mind.

- **DATCP Report; March 2021**

Reali highlighted the Governor's Budget priorities detailed in the report as they relate to Land & Water Conservation. Although preliminary budget numbers look good for Conservation topics the overall budget is very large and will require cuts.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **Discussion on Strategic Planning Goals 2021**

Reali gave an overview of three areas where goals would be developed. Three areas discussed were updating ordinances, TMDL and 9 Key Element Watershed Plan activities and County MS4 Stormwater Management compliance activities. Discussion followed. Hofberger suggested more engagement with Townships and attending Town meetings and Handschke suggested more outreach to Townships for Stormwater Management Best Management Practices.

- **Nutrient Management and Farmland Preservation Program Update; Amanda Kleiber; Land Resource Specialist**

Kleiber gave an overview of nutrient management participation in the County outlining yearly trends in participation and the funding sources used to get farms up and running with nutrient management. Kleiber also discussed the Farmland Participation Program, the level of participation statewide and locally, Agricultural Enterprise Areas and the rules that go along with participation in the program. Discussion followed.

- **Calumet County Stormwater Management Plan**

Jalonen discussed with the Committee the MS4 Stormwater Program and some of the requirements that come with being a permitted MS4. Jalonen then gave an overview of the County Stormwater Management Plan discussing the necessary components using the Public Education and Outreach section as an example. Discussion followed. The full Stormwater Management Plan will be presented to the Committee at the April 1 meeting for approval.

- **Resolution Authorizing Urban Nonpoint Source Planning Grant**

Reali discussed the MS4 requirement to do an update to our pollutant reduction modeling in the near future and the opportunity to apply for grant funds to assist with the expenses that the County will incur. Discussion followed. Motion by Gentz and second by Handschke to forward the resolution to the County Board for full approval. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Ordinance Updates 2021**

Reali gave an overview of the three ordinances that will be getting updates in 2021. Ordinances to be updated are...

- Manure Storage and Runoff Management – Will include revisions to definitions, some Conservation Practice Standards, permitting timelines and some other clarifications
- Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation – Will include minor changes to terminology as well as changes to ensure consistency with NR 135
- Post Construction Stormwater Management – Changes will be to Water Quality Performance Standards due to the approval of the Upper Fox/Wolf TMDL

11. Report of Department

- **Staff Reports**

Reali reviewed each staff member's report with the Committee.

12. Upcoming Events/Past Events

13. Next Meeting Date

- **April 1, 2021; 1:00 pm**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Hartl adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Anthony Reali, Recording Secretary