

**CALUMET COUNTY  
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
May 6, 2021  
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, Kesler, Handschke, Gentz and Hansen  
Staff Members Present for All or Part of the Meeting; Reali and Grunewald

**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 April 1, 2021 Committee Meeting**

Motion by Hartl and second by Kesler to approve the minutes from the April 1, 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**

None

**8. Agency and Association Reports**

• **NRCS Report**

Joe Smedberg was in attendance and reported \$1.1 million in Environmental Quality Incentives Program allocations and 8500 acres of Conservation Stewardship Program applications

• **FSA Report**

None

• **UW Extension**

None

• **WI DNR**

Tim James, Forester with WI DNR was in attendance by phone and gave an overview of his position and priorities. James indicated DNR is looking for more actively managed forestland on private lands. There



will be a targeted mailing in Calumet County and if anyone is interested they should contact Tim. James also discussed a new USDA program (FMI) for managing tree plantings that are enrolled in the CRP. James is also working on projects that will convert agricultural and pasture lands to trees with cost-sharing through NRCS or the State.

## 9. Items for Action or Discussion

- **Jared Grunewald; Conservation Project Technician Update; No action needed**  
Grunewald provided a handout to the Committee in regard to his position updates which included information on the 2021 tree sale, manure storage and closure permitting, current projects being worked on, and Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation.
- **Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance Review; No action needed**  
Grunewald provided a handout to the Committee in regard to the updates that will be made to the ordinance. Updates include revisions to make the ordinance more accurately reflect NR 135, formatting corrections, no longer requiring a public hearing for a permit modification unless requested by an adjacent landowner, requiring a permit modification fee for modifications required by the Administering Agency, and updating the fee schedule to bring our fees more in line with other county's fee levels.
- **Austin Dyb; Soil Conservationist; Glacierland RC & D Update; No action needed**  
Dyb gave an overview of his recent activities which included Conservation Stewardship Program application ranking, creating maps, site visits for FMI, visiting waterway sites, Farmland Preservation Program site visits with County staff, and will be working on doing no-till and residue checks soon.

## 10. Communications

- **DATCP Report; April 2021, May 2021**  
April 2021 – Reali gave a couple of highlights from the report that were pertinent to Calumet County.  
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- **Fox/Wolf Watershed Alliance; AIS Program Highlights for Calumet County**  
The highlight document was included in the meeting packet and gave an overview of AIS activities in Calumet County in 2020.
- **Wood County Resolution reaffirming their commitment to taking action to reduce its contribution to climate change**  
The resolution states Wood County's commitment to reducing their contribution to climate change and working with businesses, communities, institutions and utilities to accomplish that. Discussion followed.
- **Wood County Resolution to support efforts of four statewide organizations to introduce "clean water" measures legislatively this term**  
The resolution establishes that statewide groups such as WI Land & Water, Clean Wisconsin and others are working together to implore legislative action on "clean water" focusing first on nitrates and that Wood County supports that effort. Discussion followed.
- **Portage County Resolution and Canvass Statement regarding advisory referendum held on Clean Water Now for Wisconsin**  
This resolution was in regard to approving a question placed on the April 6, 2021 ballot in regard to support for the right to clean water. The question was approved and placed on the ballot with 8,067 votes supporting and 2,169 votes not in support. Discussion followed.

**11. Report of Department**

- **Staff Reports**

Reali reviewed the staff report with the committee.

**12. Upcoming Events**

- **Lake Winnebago Land & Water Association; May 21; Virtual**

**13. Next Meeting Date**

- **June 10, 2021; 1:00 pm**

The next meeting will be moved to Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. due to a scheduling conflict on June 3.

**14. Adjourn**

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Anthony Reali, Recording Secretary