

## Land and Water Conservation

**CALUMET COUNTY  
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
JUNE 2, 2022  
THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED**

**1. Meeting Announcement and Posting**

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

**2. Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Hofberger, Voight, Kesler, Gentz

Committee Members Excused: Pagel-Holzschuh, Hansen

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

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting; Elizabeth Asendorf (Glacierland RC & D), Vicky Mueller (FSA)

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

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

**5. Approval of Minutes from May 5, 2022, Committee Meeting**

Motion by Voight and second by Kesler to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2022, Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)**

None

**7. Agency and Association Reports**

**a) NRCS Report; If in attendance**

None.

**b) FSA Report; If in attendance**

Vicky Mueller from FSA is working on the annual crop report. She is looking for an interested person to be on the Farm Service Agency County Committee. The person elected would represent the northern part of the county, which include the townships of Brillion, Harrison, and Woodville. The committee member would need to be a landowner with an agricultural background. The committee meets about four to five times a year. There is an August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for nominations. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested, please direct them to the FSA office. The Land and Water office does have applications available in the office.

**c) UW Extension; If in attendance**

None

**d) Glacierland RC&D**

Asendorf was present and she indicated that she has been checking on farmers that are in the EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) and has been working on FSA compliance reviews along with helping with control of Phragmites in the county.

e) **Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Board**

None

8. **Communications**

a) **DATCP Report; June 2002**

Reali indicated that the June report did not come out in time for the meeting.

b) **Wisconsin Public Radio: Southwestern Wisconsin officials contemplate next steps after study shows widespread contamination of private wells; May 18, 2022**

Reali went over the handout that was in the packet that each member had received. He discussed that studies are showing they are finding contamination from several resources including human wastewater, bovine manure, porcine manure, and pathogens. He mentioned that it will take all parties to solve the problem with contamination. Calumet County is using ARPA funds for a septic replacement program within the county to help people with failing septic systems.

c) **Glacierland RC&D; April 2022 Project Update**

Hofberger talked about the projects that Glacierland is involved with and referred to the handout Project Update April 2022. A discussion was had on Phragmites in Calumet County, Phragmites are usually located near wetlands, and they tend to clog waterways. Glacierland has also been working on Grazing Education, USFS Tribal Assistance, and Enhancing Climate Adaptability along with many other projects listed in the handout.

d) **Town of Vinland, Winnebago County, Resolution to Support NACo's Position on Defining the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) and Regulations with Agricultural Considerations**

Reali brought up that there has been discussion about this once before back in 2014/2015. This pertains to a proposed revision to the definition of "Waters of the United States." The Town of Vinland's resolution is in support of comments that the National Association of Counties has previously sent to EPA and the Army Corp of Engineers asking them to simplify and allow further input on the definition of Waters of the United States.

e) **WI Land & Water; Land Conservation Committee Handbook; 2022-2024**

Reali suggested to read through the handbook and told committee members that he will keep it on agenda for next month and see if there are any questions, as there were some committee members absent for this meeting.

9. **Items for Action or Discussion**

a) **Review and Approval/Denial of Manure Storage Permit Fee Schedule Revisions**

Reali went over the existing manure storage fee schedule and the proposed schedule. Reali shared that he did a comparison to other counties and what their current fees are. He wants to stick to flat rates for the review. Motion by Voight and second by Kesler to approve the proposed fee schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

b) **Review and Approval of Erosion Control & Stormwater Fee Schedule Revisions**

Reali discussed that the only change for the fee schedule for the Erosion Control and Stormwater programs is adding the language of "Permit fees may double if activity occurs prior to permit issuance". Motion by Gentz, and second by Kesler to approve the revision to the fee schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

c) **Presentation on the 2020-2029 Calumet County Land & Water Resource Management Plan**

Reali reported that the last time the 10-year plan was completed was back in 2019. Hofberger would like to wait on the 10-year plan presentation as two members were missing from the meeting. Reali indicated that it would be okay to wait and put back on a future agenda.

**10. Report of Department**

**a) Staff Reports**

Reali gave updates on his staff.

**11. Report of Committee Members**

None

**12. Upcoming/Past Events**

**a) Between the Lakes Demonstration Farms Field Day; Kleiber Grain Fam; Sheboygan County; June 22: 9:30 am**

Reali told the committee that he will email the board the flyer for the upcoming Between the Lakes Demonstration Farms Field Day. Motion by Gentz and second by Kesler to approve committee members to attend if they would like.

**13. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

**14. Adjourn**

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paula Piper, Recording Secretary