

**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
August 3, 2023
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, Kesler, Pagel-Holzschuh, Gentz

Webex: Voight

Excused: Hansen

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

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: None

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gentz and second by Pagel-Holzschuh to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2023, 2023 Committee Meeting

Motion by Kesler and second by Voight to approve the minutes from the June 1st, 2023 Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)

None

7. Report of Committee Members

None

8. Agency and Association Reports

- **NRCS Report**
Not in attendance
- **FSA Report**
Not in attendance
- **UW Extension**
Not in attendance
- **Glacierland RC&D**



Not in attendance

9. Communications

- **DATCP Report; June 2023, July 2023, August 2023**

Reali updated the committee on the June, July, and August DATCP report. Reali indicated that our staffing awards for 2024 are about 2,000 dollars more than expected. Reali also explained the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and the changes taking place with the program. Reali also spoke about the Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant Program (PLWPG) application and explained that it must be submitted by September 15, 2023. He sees no problem with the application being on time.

- **ECWRPC - NR 135 Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Administration 2023 2nd Quarter Report**

Reali updated the committee on the Non-Metallic Reclamation Program. He explained that 14 of the 20 mine sites have been inspected. The inspections have resulted in an additional 3 active acres. In addition, there are currently no compliance issues within the county.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **Dani Santry; Water Resource Specialist; 2022 Groundwater Program Annual Report**

Santry presented the Groundwater Program Annual Report of 2023. This report was sent out to the towns that participated in the program. The report is available to the public via social media and the Calumet County website. Santry went over the areas tested and the results of the well sampling program. Santry also explained the major issues with Calumet County's groundwater and how a well owner can correct the issues that are found with the well testing.

- **Discussion on Soil Health Specialist/Agricultural Educator Position Description Revision**

Reali advised the committee that the job description of the previously posted Agricultural Educator position has been revised to include Soil Health Specialist components. He also informed the committee that the new position will be partially paid for with a grant from Climate Smart Commodities. Gentz expressed concern over the changing needs of the local farmers and what he would like to see included in the job description.

11. Report of Department

- **Staff Reports**

Reali gave updates on what he has been working on and what his staff has been working on this past month.

12. Upcoming/Past Events

- **Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association; September 15; Green Lake County**

A motion was made by Pagel-Holzschuh to approve the attendance of any board member to the upcoming Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association meeting and second by Voight. Motion carried unanimously.

- **CCASA Soil Health Field Day; August 29; Calumet County**

Reali gave a brief overview of the CCASA Soil Health Field Day and its location.

A motion was made by Pagel-Holzschuh to attend the upcoming Field Day and second by Gentz. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Next Meeting Date- September 7, 2023; 1:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Mohrbacher, Recording Secretary