

**CALUMET COUNTY  
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 1, 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, Pagel-Holzschuh, Gentz, Hansen

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

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting; Elizabeth Asendorf (Glacierland RC & D), Alice Connors (Board Member), 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 Voight to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Minutes from July 7, 2022, Committee Meeting**

Motion by Voight and second by Pagel-Holzschuh to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2022, Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Alice Connors presented some resolutions that would be going to the WCA Conference. She indicated that there is pending legislation that would make changes to the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims program by eliminating the administration and oversight of these programs from the County Land and Water Conservation Committees and moving the administration of these programs to the WI DNR. Bayfield County supported stronger regulations to limit the spread of chronic wasting disease. In Polk County, the DNR wants to change the wolf management plan that plan was indefinitely postponed. In Eau Claire County, they would like a referendum for Clean Water Now for Wisconsin that was also indefinitely postponed. Polk County adopted a resolution to urge the state of Wisconsin to adequately fund state agencies regarding CAFO regulations to protect groundwater and air quality.

**7. Report of Committee Members**

None

**8. Agency and Association Reports**

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



None

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

None

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

None

**d) Glacierland RC&D**

Asendorf went over a few things that she was working on over the past month which included the phragmites project, cover crop checks, outreach pasture walks and working on no till practices.

**9. Communications**

**a) DATCP Report; August 2022**

Reali indicated that the 2021 annual report is available and on our website. Reali told the board that he would go through some of the information in the next meeting, highlighting specific results of the report. Reali spoke about two emergency rules, the Commercial Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program and the Cover Crop Insurance Rebate program that are in effect. The PLWPG application period is open through September 16, 2022.

**10. Items for Action or Discussion**

**a) Brian Maedke; USDA/APHIS; Wildlife Damage Program Update**

Maedke explained the Wisconsin's Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program indicating the program has requirements which farmers need to fulfill for program assistance and that the program is funded by hunting license dollars. He handed out a list that included participants in the program. Maedke did say that sandhill cranes and raccoons are not in the program. The committee had questions regarding sandhill cranes, Maedke offered to bring a PowerPoint presentation to an upcoming meeting to go over the program in more detail. Maedke indicated the budget will be done next month in October.

**b) Resolution Authorizing Clean Boats Clean Waters Application for Calumet County**

The Land and Water Department receives a \$4,000 grant each year that is used for a position in the summer to do outreach and education on aquatic invasive species at Calumet County Park and Stockbridge Harbor on Lake Winnebago. The position is about 250 hours in total throughout the summer. Motion by Gentz and second by Voight to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**c) Resolution Authorizing a Surface Water Management Grant Application for Stonybrook Creek**

The Surface Water Management Grant will help fund the Stonybrook Creek project, which is now going to be in phase 2. This will continue the restoration work on the Sohrweide farm. Motion by Voight and second by Hansen to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**d) 2023 Land and Water Conservation Department Budget Request**

Reali explained the layout of the budget. The revenue section shows three new areas that the department applied for grants including the DATCP Innovation Grant, the DNR Surface Water Grant for Stonybrook and the Watershed Non-Point Cost Sharing for cover crops through the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance. Reali explained that the amended budget column reflects the carry overs from the multiyear grant programs that get adjusted from carry over requests.

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

Santry presented the Groundwater Program Annual Report of 2022. This report is sent out to the towns that participated in the program and the report is also available to the public. Santry went over what the

program is and the challenges of the program. Santry discussed current and future efforts which includes emergency response sampling, outreach and education along with providing support to the CCASA Farmer Led Well Testing Program.

## **11. Report of Department**

### **a) 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**

### **a) Between the Lakes Demonstration Farms Field Day; Fond du Lac County; October 5**

### **b) Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association; Outagamie County; October 7**

Reali indicated that he has received no meeting information yet on either meeting. Motion by Voight to approve attendance of any board member to attend one or both meetings and second by Pagel-Holzschuh. Motion carried unanimously. Voight expressed interest in attending the Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association Meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Jared Grunewald, L&W staff member joined the group for the Field Tour at 2:35**

**Voight was unable to attend the field tour and left the meeting at 2:35**

## **13. Start Field Tour- Leave Courthouse 2:30 pm- All times below are approximate**

**a) Meet at Calumet County Property at 921 Park St., Chilton- 2:45** Elizabeth Asendorf gave updates on the phragmites control project and gave some statistics on project participation.

**b) Meet at Dennis Koenig's Property at W3141 Harlow Rd, Chilton- 3:15** Grunewald gave updates on the wetland restoration project at the Koenig's Property.

**c) Meet at Stonybrook Creek Restoration Site at W3866 Shady Ln., Chilton 3:45** Santry gave updates on the stream restoration project at the Stonybrook site.

## **14. Next Meeting Date- Proposed- Thursday, October 6, 2022; 1:00 p.m.**

Hofberger would like the meeting moved to Tuesday, October 11, 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

## **15. Adjourn**

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paula Piper, Recording Secretary