

Rushlow called to order the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee at **9:00 a.m.**, on August 13, 2008 in Conference Room # 2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members Kathleen Rushlow, Gene Ciszek, Mary Platner, Erv Teichmiller and Bob Egan; others Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter, Matt Wagner, and Rollie Alger. A list of interested parties is on file in the LWCD office.
The following County Board member(s) were excused:
The following County Board member(s) were absent: Leon Kukanich

Approve Agenda and Minutes: **Motion made by Ciszek, second by Platner to approve the agenda in any order at the chairman's discretion. Motion carried, all voting aye. Motion made by Teichmiller and seconded by Ciszek to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2008 regular meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item # 3: Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Irish was not able to make this meeting. Scholl stated that at the regular September meeting of the LWCC, Irish will explain the venison donation program and the LWCC will need to decide if the county will take part in this program.

Agenda item #4: Lake District a. Little St. Germain Lake P & R District – Platner described her review of findings (on file in the LWCD office) for the committee which included a background of county proceedings to date, photos of parcels in question, parcel maps of sites. Rushlow recognized citizen comments from St. Germain residents who attended the meeting. After committee discussion, it was evident that further research and discussion needs to take place. **Motion was made by Ciszek, and seconded by Platner to table the discussion until the regular September meeting of LWCC at which time a decision will be made to move a resolution on to the full county board for the September 16th meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.** Lake District b. Big Sand Lake – **Motion made by Teichmiller and seconded by Ciszek to table petition discussion until the September meeting of the LWCC. Motion carried, all voting aye.** Lake District c. and d. – Kentuck and Spectacle Lake Districts – Scholl explained to the committee that since Supervisor Annin had resigned from the county board, new county board representatives needed to be appointed to both Kentuck and Spectacle Lake Districts. Rushlow volunteered to represent the county on both District Commissioner Boards until further appointments could be made. **Motion made by Teichmiller, second by Ciszek to recommend Rushlow as the County representative to both Districts. Motion carried, all voting aye.** Supervisor Teichmiller volunteered to represent the County for Little Arbor Vitae Lake District. It had already been decided at the July, 2008 LWCC meeting that Teichmiller would be the representative and this recommendation is listed as an appointment item on the August 19th full county board agenda.

Agenda item #5: NR 40 – Ritter discussed the draft comments for NR 40 public hearing (on file in the LWCD office) and asked the committee if he should send a letter or attend the hearing in person to present the comments. Platner will get back to Ritter regarding state verbiage on “sea plane”. **Motion was made by Teichmiller and seconded by Ciszek that Ted submit (in writing) the comments with minor changes to the state for consideration. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item #6: Conservation Cost Share Program – Wagner shared a brief update of cost share projects with the committee. At this time there are several project plans and contracts in the works for 2008 projects. Wagner and Scholl stated that Secretaries from both DATCP and WDNR will be touring the Found Lake sites later this week. Vilas County L&W Department and the project partners will be recognized for their exemplary partnering in a land and water protection capacity.

Agenda item #7: Land & Water Department Budget – Scholl explained that she did not have the opportunity to complete a draft 2009 budget to date. It will be a priority in this next month and a draft will be sent out for early committee review along with the September agenda. **A motion was made by Teichmiller, second by Platner for a 2009 budget draft to be received and placed on file. Motion carried, all voting aye.** Scholl pointed out that only \$27.34 was left in the travel line item. Line item transfer requests will need to take place to stretch mileage reimbursements out for Department personnel until year end. Ritter mentioned that he alone averages \$1200 annually in mileage. Travel costs would be allowed under the DATCP support line item which to date still has an excess of \$5000 for 2008. **A motion to transfer \$1200 of funds from DATCP support to Travel line item was made by Teichmiller, second by Platner. Motion carried, all voting aye.** Scholl requested the purchase of a new bulb for the Department's LCD projector – cost is \$337. The cost of a new projector is approximately \$500. For the slight additional cost, the committee agreed that the purchase of a new projector was better since the Department can afford it through the DATCP support line item. **Motion was made by Teichmiller, second by Platner to approve the purchase of a new LCD projector, instead of replacing the bulb on the old projector. Motion carried, all voting aye.** Rushlow suggested that a letter of intent to purchase a new projector should be given to Dave Alleman prior to the August 14th meeting of the Public Property meeting.

Agenda item #8: Agent reports – Teichmiller updated the committee about the July 29th Lumberjack RC&D meeting. He explained the current projects that Lumberjack is involved in and mentioned which sub-committee's he, Alger, and Scholl are now involved in. Scholl stated that Rollie Alger was officially voted in as the Vilas citizen at-large member for Lumberjack. Scholl gave a brief update of current LCD activities. Ritter shared a few items and requested to attend an invasive species conference to be held in Duluth, Minnesota in October, 2008 (request addressed in out of county travel).

Agenda item #9: Lake Groups, Lake Protection Districts, Unified Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) & Vilas County Lakes Association (VCLA) –VCLA, Alger state that the resolution brought forth at the last LWCC meeting (illegal to transport AIS resolution on file in the LWCD office) should be taken up for vote at the September meeting. He stated that the county's backing would be helpful.

Agenda item #10: Out-of county travel – **Motion by Teichmiller, second by Ciszek to accept Ritter's request for out-of-state travel to attend the invasive species conference in Duluth and to attend a meeting in Iron River, MI to attend an area planning meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.** Rushlow suggested that Ritter write a letter to the finance committee with his requests for out of state travel.

Agenda item #11: Budget/Voucher approval – Scholl presented the following vouchers: Clermont Printing and Office Supply-\$311.00; Ted Ritter-\$102.96; Carolyn Scholl-\$236.72; UWEX-\$27.28; Dane County UWEX-\$11.25; Lakeland Printing Co - \$38.15; Vilas County News-Review-\$60.43; and Mathew Wagner-\$220.60. **Motion by Ciszek, second by Platner to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item #12: Letters and Communications – Scholl gave a copy of the Spectacle Lake District annual meeting agenda to Rushlow and will contact District Commissioners to let them know of the county rep change.

Future Meeting Dates/Items: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 11, 2008 in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Ciszek, second by Teichmiller to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Respectfully submitted by: *Carolyn Scholl*