

Rushlow called to order the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee at **10:00 a.m.**, on December 16, 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, Leon Kukanich, Ralph Sitzberger, and Steve Favorite; others Julie Malvitz, Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter, Matt Wagner, Rollie Alger, and Rosemary Leveille.
The following County Board member(s) were excused:
The following County Board member(s) were absent:
Media present:

Approve Agenda: **Motion made by Ciszek, second by Teichmiller to approve the agenda in any order at the chairman's discretion after the next meeting date was changed to January 13, 2009. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Approve Minutes: **Motion made by Sitzberger, second by Ciszek to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2008 regular meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item # 3: Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Irish was not able to attend and had nothing for this month.

Agenda item #4: Lake Districts – Scholl stated that County Board Chair would like every county appointed lake district representative to be trained. There will be training at the Wisconsin Lakes Conference in March and the UW-Extension Lakes Program is working on starting a training that will be in multiple locations throughout the year. The start date for this has not been determined as of yet. Chairman Rushlow stated that she wants to see Sitzberger, Teichmiller, and Ciszek attend the training in March. Spectacle Lake District and Kentuck Lake District both have had a temporary county representative and need to have a permanent representative assigned. Sitzberger will take Kentuck Lake District and Rushlow will take Spectacle Lake District.

Agenda item #5: Land and Water Resource Management Plan –Scholl announced that the first planning meeting took place on December 4th with a very good turnout of 15 - 20 people and showed the committee a copy of their timeline chart (on file in the LWCD office). Rushlow and Platner are the committee representatives for the management plan. The next meeting will be April 15, 2009 here in the courthouse at 1:00 pm.

Agenda item #6: Agents Reports – FSA, Kukanich stated that elections took place at the last meeting and the only representative that changed was in Oneida County. LWCD, Ritter, Wagner, and Scholl presented their written reports (on file in the LWCD office) and discussed them. Ritter stated that he will be having the first CWMA formation meeting in January. He discussed the possibility of applying for a grant for next year in the pursuit of hiring a consultant to assist in lake monitoring and gave them a draft of the proposal (on file in the LWCD office). He will have this item put on the agenda for the next meeting for possible action. Ritter thanked the committee for his new desk. Wagner reported on the Lakes Partnership meeting that he attended. He will be working with Mike Meyers and a few others in the upcoming spring and summer on “Effectiveness of Vegetated Buffers to Reduce Overland Runoff & Nutrient Loads for Developed Nearshore Lawns to Lakes in Northern Wisconsin” a study of chemicals and other nutrients on lawns and the effect in the water bodies. Scholl announced that her meeting with the WDNR on permitting of projects resulted in an actual (in the developing stage) list of protocol and reasons that will take place in each permitting project. At the WLWCA Conference there was discussion about the 2009 allocation plan of grants administered by DNR & USDA-

NRCS no outcome of the discussion yet. There are now classes for Woodland Owners offered by the University of Wisconsin-Extension and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) online. Rushlow was asked to sign the form to extend the 2008 cost share projects. NRCS, Julie Malvitz, District Conservationist, gave the committee a brochure explaining all of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs and plans. She explained that all of their programs need to meet agricultural needs. NRCS can give technical assistance to this department even if the project does not meet their requirements. The NRCS cost share program is strictly on a flat rate basis of \$250/acre which covers everything and must have conservation needs, and their grassing program is \$10/acre. Lumberjack RC&D, Teichmiller stated that the State Conference will be September 24 & 25, 2009 and the agenda is being worked on. The next meeting will be in Rhinelander on January 14, 2009.

Agenda item #7: Lake Organizations, ER Unified Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) & Vilas County Lakes Association (VCLA) – ULERCLC, Favorite informed the committee that they have been approved for a \$146,000 grant and will be applying to expand this grant to increase it to \$200,000 to allow the treatment of 285 acres instead on 190 acres. VCLA, Alger said that they on continuing on plans for their annual meeting.

Agenda item #8: Out-of county travel – **Motion by Ciszek, second by Platner to approve all travel stated by the Conservation staff at this meeting and for Teichmiller to attend the Lumberjack RC&D meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item #9: Budget/Voucher approval – The following vouchers were presented for payment: Clermont Printing and Office Supply-\$2,205.81; Comfort Suites-\$70.00; Prime Choice Meat Market-\$200.00; Ted Ritter-\$76.68; Carolyn Scholl-\$343.22; and Matthew L Wagner-\$337.41. **Motion by Ciszek, second by Sitzberger to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item #10: Letters and Communications – Wagner showed the committee a thank you note and card he received from the North Lakeland Elementary School for his presentation.

Future Meeting Dates/Items: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2009 in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Teichmiller, second by Platner to adjourn at 11:26a.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: *Rosemary Leveille*