

Rushlow called to order the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee at **9:07 a.m.**, on March 10, 2009 in Court Conference Room #3, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members Kathleen Rushlow, Mary Platner, Erv Teichmiller, and Ralph Sitzberger; others Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter, Matt Wagner, Rollie Alger and Rosemary Leveille.
The following County Board member(s) were excused: Gene Ciszek & Leon Kukanich
The following County Board member(s) were absent:
Media present:

Approve Agenda: **Motion made by Platner, second by Teichmiller to approve the agenda in any order at the chairman's discretion and the minutes from February 12, 2009 of this committee as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item # 3: Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Nothing for this month.

Agenda item #4: Land and Water Resource Management Plan –Scholl distributed a draft of the 6 goals (on file in the LWCD office) to the committee. They were asked to peruse the goals and to give Scholl any comments, edits, suggestions, and/or revisions by April 13th for the presentation to the technical resource committee on April 15th. One revision mentioned at the meeting was to add golf courses in the nutrient education portion. Platner gave the committee members a copy of “Wisconsin Conservation Priorities” from the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters Institute.

Agenda item #5: Lake Districts – A memorandum from Milanowski, Corporation Counsel, regarding maintaining Lake District special tax codes on county tax records was discussed. In her legal opinion the WI Statutes in Chapter 33 does not clearly identify whose responsibility it is to maintain Lake District special tax codes on county tax records however the Wis. Stat. ~ 70.09 states that it is the duty of the county real property lister to maintain current special tax codes on county records. Counsel advises that LWCD not adopt the proposed policy that would require the tax lister to provide current listings annually to Lake Districts instead this information be provided only upon request.. She urges that the County not adopt a policy requiring the real property lister to perform this duty. A suggestion was made to wait until after the Lake District Commissioner training at the Lake Convention and perhaps this issue could be discussed at that meeting. **A motion by Sitzberger, second by Teichmiller to table this item indefinitely was made. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item #6: Draft resolution for Phosphorus Fertilizer restriction – Scholl referred the committee to the draft resolution sent to them. The resolution was reviewed by Corporation Counsel and is now ready for approval by the committee. **A motion by Platner, second by Teichmiller to approve and forward this resolution to the County Board. Motion carried, 3 voting aye and Sitzberger voting nay.**

Agenda item #7: 2009 Conservation Project Proposals – Wagner stated that the rankings by the committee for the cost share projects were completely inconsistent, so in talking with Rushlow it was decided to go with the rankings of Wagner and Dehne, DATCP engineer. **A motion by Teichmiller, second by Sitzberger to accept the rankings of Wagner and Dehne, as per Rushlow's suggestion for the 2009 cost share projects was made. Motion carried, all voting aye.** Wagner showed the committee pictures of the projects: 1) Anvil Lake, \$6,500.00; 2) Fence Lake-\$6,591.00; 3) Voyageur Lake, \$3,642.50; and 4) Stormy Lake-\$3,642.50 for this year. A decision was made that in the future a presentation of the all projects and all information be given to the committee along with Department recommendations. The rankings will be done by the Lake Specialist and the DATCP engineer, (when warranted); with oversight by the Conservationist should there be any question.

Agenda item # 8 – Lumberjack RC&D – Forestry Award Nominations- A list of the awards that the Lumberjack RC&D will be giving was distributed to the committee. They were asked to send in any nominations by April 1st. Supervisor Platner had two persons in mind.

Agenda item # 9 – Agents Reports – LWCD, Scholl, Ritter, and Wagner distributed their written reports (on file in the LWCD office). Scholl stated that an economic stimulus grant opportunity came across their desk and she and Ritter wrote a project for \$120,000 to produce a list of invasive terrestrials that are present especially at the boundaries of county land. This project would be for 1 year and have no in-kind monies attached to it. She informed the committee that she will be one of the presenters at the WAL conference on “proactive and reactive management of AIS”. Ritter stated that the next CWMA meeting will be on March 11th and they will be developing the mission statement and moving on to the next step. He also told the committee of a student workshop that he will be involved in with at Trees For Tomorrow on March 31st. Wagner announced that he will be one of the presenters at the WAL conference with Favorite, chairman of the Unified Lakes Commission. RC&D, Teichmiller told the committee that the annual state conference will be Sept. 24 & 25; power point presentations will be done by Scholl on the Found Lake cost share projects and Ritter on CWMA, Senator Holperin will be speaking, and John Bates, a Naturalist from Manitowish Waters will be a keynote speaking.

Agenda item #10: Lake Organizations, ER Unified Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) & Vilas County Lakes Association (VCLA) – VCLA, Alger spoke of the annual meeting on June 12th. Their keynote speaker will be Mike Meyers on the Found Lake cost share projects.

Agenda item #11: Out-of county travel – **Motion by Platner, second by Sitzberger to approve all travel for the LWCD staff that was stated or on their written reports. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item #12: Budget/Voucher approval – The following vouchers were presented for payment: Country Inn and Suites Green Bay North-\$140.00; Ted Ritter-\$105.51; Carolyn Scholl-\$497.23; and Matthew Wagner - \$226.34. **Motion by Teichmiller, second by Platner to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item #13: Letters and Communications – Scholl informed the committee that the final 2009 budget has been received from DATCP and there is a shortfall from what was requested and the actual amount to be received. Scholl was instructed to send a letter to the Finance Committee with all of the facts. All communications, flyers, and/or reports for the month from the following agencies DATCP, WLWCA, NCLWCA, NRCS, LWCB, and/or WALCE are on file in the Land and Water Conservation office.

Future Meeting Dates/Items: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 8, 2009 in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Sitzberger, second by Platner to adjourn at 11:15 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: *Rosemary Leveille*