

Sitzberger called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on December 7, 2010 in the Lower Level Conference Room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members; Ralph Sitzberger, Erv Teichmiller, Mary Platner, and Dennis Nielsen; others Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter, Mariquita Sheehan, Clyde Owens; VCLA, Susan Hunter, John Hupperts, Roger Cardinal, and Rosemary Leveille

The following County Board member(s) were excused: Gene Ciszek

The following County Board member(s) were absent:

Media present:

Approve Agenda: **Motion made by Nielsen, second by Platner to approve the agenda in any order at the chairman's discretion. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Approve Minutes: **Motion by Nielsen, second by Platner to approve the minutes from November 5, 2010 of this committee. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program –

Irish did not attend and had no report for this month.

Lumberjack RC&D Forestry Awards –

Teichmiller presented the 2010 Chairman's Outstanding Forestry Education award to John Hupert and the 2010 Friend of Forestry award to Roger Cardinal on behalf of Lumberjack RC&D and the Land and Water Conservation Committee asked them to attend the Lumberjack RC&D meeting in April to be recognized by the Lumberjack RC&D committee as well.

Informational Presentation TIS update –

Ritter showed a power point presentation on Terrestrial Invasive Species (TIS). The committee was asked if they thought this presentation was a good fit for future presentations to the public, to help make them aware of what is happening and what will happen if the TIS are allowed to go untreated. The committee thought that this presentation will open the eyes of the public and make them aware of the problem, with the possibility of having the public get involved in the treatment of all TIS.

SWRM Grant 2010 Budget Extension Request –

Scholl explained that in order to retain the 2010 Cost Share monies an extension needs to be requested. **A motion by Teichmiller, second by Platner to authorize the request for the 2010 Conservation Cost Share monies to be used in 2011 and for the chair, Sitzberger, to sign. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Board – candidate selections –

The committee was given the resume` of each of the four candidates (on file in the LCWD office) for the WLWCA board so the committee could choose which three they would like to vote for and send on to the WLWCA conference. **A motion to vote for Chuck Wagner, Tom Rudolph, and David Hummer and for chair, Sitzberger, to sign the 2010 WLWCA Election Ballot with their choices marked was made by Teichmiller and second by Platner . Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agent reports: UWEX, FSA, LWCD, NRCS, NCLWCA, Lumberjack RC&D –

FSA, Hunter distributed her December, 2010 report (on file in the LCWD office) and highlighted the new program "Emergency Forest Restoration Program". Lumberjack, RC&D, Teichmiller stated the groundwater

study for Vilas County will have the second consideration at the meeting on Jan. 27, 2011, in Gillette. He, also, announced that he is now on an advisory task force with RC&D to set new guidelines for future projects that they underwrite. Ritter, Sheehan, and Scholl presented their written reports (all on file in the LCWD office) and highlighted them. Scholl also distributed a draft copy of the Land and Water Conservation two year activity report and asked the committee to please review and bring back any change, corrections and additions to the next meeting after any revisions this will be presented to the full County Board, A signature from the chair, Sitzberger, was requested for the AIS grant. Along with a request of the committee to decide if they would like to have an advance payment of 25% (\$25,346.25) of the grant. **Platner made the motion to request the 25% advance on the grant and the motion was seconded by Teichmiller. The motion passed, unanimously.** Scholl asked for permission to purchase a new chair. **Motion by Nielsen, second by Teichmiller to purchase a new chair for Scholl for the amount of \$239.99. Motion passed, all voting aye.**

Lake Organizations, ER Unified Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) & Vilas County Lakes Association (VCLA) –

VCLA, Owens informed the committee that they are now in the process of choosing 3 candidates to receive their “Blue Heron Award” for shoreland stewardship award and that Moon Beach will receive an award also. The annual meeting will be June 17, 2011 at Moon Beach. The VCLA education committee now has a proposal to develop a shoreland restoration curriculum for middle school students with classes and field experience. The curriculum will be written by Trees For Tomorrow. Nothing to report from ULERCLC for this month.

Out-of-county travel –

A motion by Nielsen, second by Teichmiller to approve the following: Scholl on January 27, 2011 to Gillette for Lumberjack RC&D, and to Merrill on January 28, 2011 for NCLWCA meeting; Ritter on Dec. 14 to Rhinelander for a regional AIS mtg. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget/Voucher approval –

The following vouchers were presented for payment: Dawn & Marvin Allums-\$6,510.00; Prime Choice Meat Market-\$55.00; Ted Ritter-\$372.39; Carolyn Scholl-\$158.00; and Mariquita Sheehan-\$76.50. **Motion by Nielsen, second by Teichmiller to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye. Motion by Teichmiller to request a line item transfer from the DATCP line to the Seminars and Meetings line to cover the deficit for the year and send the request on to the Finance Committee second by Nielsen. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Letters and Communications –

The following items are on file in the LWCD office: NRCS report for December, 2010; FSA news release, and fact sheet; Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative news; Forestry notes November, 2010; Thursday Note, Volume 13, Issue 9; and Applied Water & Natural Resources - News You Can Use.

LCC Chair Comments –

Sitzberger wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He also told Scholl that he heard that a speech class of some sort might be coming back in the next school year for Middle School students.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 2011 in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment –

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Sitzberger at 10:52 am.

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

Respectfully submitted by: *Rosemary Leveille*