



FLORENCE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

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Department Administrator: Margie Yadro

Monday, June 2nd, 2014

6:30 PM

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Florence County Courthouse

SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

AGENDA

- i. Roll Call:**
- ii. Approval of the Agenda:**
- iii. Approval of Previous LCC Meeting Minutes:**
- iv. Agency Partner Reports/Open Forum:**
- v. Administrative Summary:** Margie Yadro
 - a) Discussion/Action – cost-share contracts 2014-06-02 Florence County and 2014-06-03 Town of Fence; and, Change Order 2013-08-08 Town of Aurora
 - b) Discussion/Action – AIS Prevention and Planning Ad Hoc Committee
 - c) Discussion/Action – Rock Reef installation on Lake Emily
 - d) Discussion/Action – Expense vouchers to Audit & Budget Committee
- vi. Future Agenda Items or Committee Concerns:**
- vii. Next Meeting Date:**
- viii. Call for Adjournment:**

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Yadro, Florence County Conservationist
Land Conservation Department Administrator

Cc: Florence County Supervisors, LCC Members, County Administrators, Reporting Agencies

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Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 5, 2014 6:30 PM

Location: Florence County Courthouse second floor conference room

1. **Roll Call:** Land Conservation Department Administrator, Margie Yadro, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Committee members in attendance included: Edward Wenger, Edwin Kelley, Gary Steber, Jeanette Bomberg, Susan Theer, Todd Broullire and Yvonne VanPembrook. Also in attendance: Florence County Zoning Administrator, Rich Wolosyn, and WDNR Northern Director, John Gozdziwski.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** On a motion by Steber, supported by Theer, all were in favor to approve the agenda as posted.
3. **Election of Officers and Representatives:**
Yadro called three times for nominations for LCC Chair. Kelley nominated Wenger, supported by Steber. VanPembrook motioned to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Wenger, seconded by Bomberg. All were in favor.

Chairman Wenger called three times for nominations for LCC Vice Chair. Theer nominated VanPembrook, supported by Bomberg. Kelley motioned to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for VanPembrook, seconded by Bomberg. All were in favor.

For representatives of the Committee, Theer nominated Wenger to the North Central Land and Water Conservation Association, NCLWCA, supported by Bomberg. All were in favor. VanPembrook was named as alternate. Kelley nominated VanPembrook as the representative to Lumberjack RC&D Council, Inc., supported by Bomberg. All were in favor. Bomberg nominated Theer as the representative to the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC), supported by Kelley. All were in favor. Wenger was named as alternate.

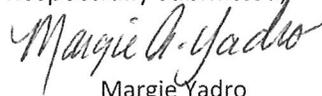
4. **Approval of the previous Meeting Minutes:** Moved by Steber, seconded by Kelley, the motion passed to approve the April 7, 2014 LCC Meeting Minutes as drafted.
5. **Agency Partner Reports/Open Forum:** WDNR Northern Director, John G., thanked the committee for an opportunity to participate in county meetings. He noted that the tough winter could show some stress on wildlife and fisheries across the state. The WDNR are checking the deer herd health and development and expect to find less fawn recruitment this year. John felt that fish kills could also be up especially considering the late "ice out" conditions. The state's walleye initiative allows for stocking 7,000 larger walleye introduced this year in 4 county lakes. John was thanked for his support especially during the recent rule revisions governing the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) cost-share program utilized through Land Conservation Departments statewide. He commented on the value of the communication with local officials and departments that are working together and getting good things done. John plans on introducing the local stream crossing improvement project as a possible statewide model. He and Yadro will follow up with aquatic invasive species projects and future funding strategies.

Yadro reported that Jeremy Irish from the Wildlife Abatement program had nothing new to add this month. Also, the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist, Michael Stinebrink, sent in a report about programs continuing through the new Farm Bill. Yadro had received

additional correspondence from NRCS state Conservationist, Jimmy Bramblett, regarding increased federal support, and sharing resources with conservation partners. Items included a toolkit, a Farm Bill fact sheet, and a presentation highlighting accomplishments of the 2008 Farm Bill. New website resources and sample press releases are also being developed for county use.

5. **Administrative Summary:** County Conservationist Yadro shared her work plan log for April with activities that highlighted a boat wash agreement between formal WRISC partners; a press release for the Florence County Lakes and Rivers Association newsletter; and a zebra mussel treatment study anticipated for Keyes Lake, offering an informational meeting planned for 7 PM on June 10th at the Florence Natural Resource Center, to explain the use of Zequanox in the removal of invasive mussels from native clams. Yadro also attended the Wisconsin Lakes Convention in Stevens Point and gave a brief progress report at the recent Lumberjack RC&D meeting emphasizing local grant projects. A May 20th Clean Boats, Clean Waters training is planned for new staff and volunteers in the region interested in conducting watercraft inspections and operating boat washes. This will be hosted by Yadro and WRISC Coordinator, Emily Anderson, starting at 4 PM at the Florence Natural Resource Center.
 - A. **2014 DATCP SWRM grant contract:** On a motion by Steber, supported by VanPembrook, all were in favor to approve the 2014 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant contract with DATCP in the amount of \$136,631.00. Yadro will complete and submit.
 - B. **Cost-Share Contract 2014-04-16:** Yadro explained that this project is a culvert replacement on Johnson Creek in the Town of Commonwealth and meets DATCP's water quality goal eligibility. On a motion by VanPembrook, seconded by Kelley, the committee directed Yadro to complete a cost-share contract on the County's behalf with the Town of Commonwealth. Motion passed.
 - C. **IT upgrade purchase:** The committee reviewed an estimate for replacing a computer system in the Land Conservation Department and upgrading operating systems from XP to Windows 7 as suggested by IT Administrator Jen Steber. On a motion by Bomberg, supported by Kelley, all were in favor to continue with the purchase as recommended.
 - D. **Expense Vouchers:** on a motion by Kelley, supported by Steber, the vouchers were approved as listed and recommended to the Florence County Audit and Budget Committee for payment. All were in favor.
6. **Future Agenda Items or Committee Concerns:** Yadro reported on the upcoming NCLWCA meeting to be held in Antigo on May 29th, and a WRISC Annual meeting scheduled for June 4th.
7. **Next Meeting Date:** Monday, June 2, 2014.
8. **Call for Adjournment:** With all business completed and a motion by Kelley, supported by Theer, all were in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Margie Yadro
County Conservationist