

FLORENCE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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Monday, June 1, 2015

6:30 PM

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Florence County Courthouse

SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Roll Call:** All committee members were in attendance including LCC Chairman Ed Wenger, Vice Chairwoman Yvonne VanPembrook, Supervisor Jeanette Bomberg, Supervisor Ed Kelley, Supervisor Gary Steber, Supervisor Susan Theer, and Farm Service Agency Representative Todd Broullire. Also participating: Land Conservation Department Administrator Margie Yadro, and Zoning Administrator Rich Wolosyn.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** On a motion by Steber, supported by Theer, all were in favor to approve the current agenda as posted.
3. **Approval of Previous LCC Meeting Minutes:** Theer moved to approve the June 1, 2015 LCC meeting minutes as drafted. Supported by Steber. All were in favor.
4. **Agency Partner Reports/Open Forum:** Yadro reported that the 2014 Wildlife Abatement reimbursement check was received and deposited in the amount of \$15,296.06 completely covering last year's program costs and associated administrative expenses. No other partner agency/conservation programs reported.
5. **Administrative Summary:** Yadro shared highlights from the office worklog which included delivery of 225 wild parsnip informational flyers to the school as part of a multi-media strategy designed by a cooperative effort between Land Conservation and the Health Department. The Invasive Species Program Manager, Scott Goodwin, began working for the Department on May 11th and will coordinate efforts on this year's Aquatic Invasive Species grant projects. The Crossroads Park Planning meeting reported that the RV Service Island at the Natural Resource Center appears open to the public with the dog park also nearing completion. Future consideration was given to trail development on the property. The 2015 DATCP Soil and Water Resource Management grant contract was finalized in the amount of \$132,879. A donation has also been offered by the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes Association to extend watercraft inspection staffing resources for North Lake.
6. **Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP):** A correspondence from DATCP inquired as to Florence County's timeline commitment to submitting the updated FPP application by October 1st for plan certification. Following the contract planner's suggestion, the Committee supported requesting a one year extension which would allow for any unforeseen circumstances. FPP information was presented at the local Wisconsin Towns Association meeting where the Planner felt that mapping review is the priority at this point. Yadro will work toward distributing map materials to the Town's, requesting input following the program criteria set earlier by the Land Conservation Committee. Bay-Lake Regional Planning will submit the FPP draft text to Yadro for review as soon as possible.

7. **Grant funded projects and proposals—**

- A. Lumberjack RC&D Community projects: Yadro noted that a Partner Contribution sign is required for the RV station which has otherwise been fully satisfied; one final payment request is being made to complete the Lake Emily Spawning Rock Reef installation and has received full support from the WDNR Fisheries Biologist Greg Matzke as completed; the Crossroads Community Garden Committee is reviewing final contractor bids for construction of the Activities Building and plans to proceed as soon as possible; Yadro attended the Florence Schools Building and Grounds meeting to announce the award for the purchase and installation of water bottle filling stations in the District buildings along with a student educational component. VanPembrook reminded all that Lumberjack is moving their grant project proposal deadline forward so project ideas will need to be drafted soon to be considered for available 2016 grant funding.
 - B. WDNR Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Projects: two rounds of interviewing has been completed with the majority of seasonal staff now trained and hired. Fish surveys, Milfoil hand removal, and water testing equipment calibration is underway. Data is being prepared for entry into the state's SWIMS database from watercraft inspections that have begun at 11 local boat landings. The Forestry & Parks Department will be contacted for providing LCC staff with public guidance to address boat launch fee questions and concerns.
 - C. Halsey Lake Management Plan: On a motion by VanPembrook, supported by Theer, all were in favor to provide the Halsey Lake Association with \$1,200 toward their Lake Management Planning expenses. Yadro will require a copy of the comprehensive lake study for county recordkeeping.
 - D. SECOLA Grant: The Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes has requested the county to administer an additional \$11,427 worth of seasonal staff time conducting watercraft inspections at North Lake on the Spread Eagle Chain. Equipment liability, maintenance, transportation and storage will remain with the equipment owner while the county has agreed to train the seasonal staff for operating the unit when it is available. Yadro will commit staff once the financial contribution has been deposited. This donation has received WDNR approval for use as the local match for the Florence County CBCW grant.
 - E. DATCP Conservation projects: DATCP Engineer Stacy Dehne is scheduled for property evaluations on June 12 and plans to finalize designs for this year's construction sites. Yadro will enter cost-share contracts with the landowners utilizing figures recommended by the engineer.
8. **Conservation Legislation/Resolutions**: WLWCA Director Jim VandenBrook reported the Joint Finance Committee approval of a partial restoration of conservation funding to Wisconsin's budget proposal.
 9. **May LCD expense vouchers**: On a motioned by Steber, supported by Kelley, all were in favor to approve the month's vouchers totaling \$3,385.27 and submit them to the Audit and Budget Committee for payment. Yadro reported the addition of one cell phone line to the active Verizon contract.
 10. **Future Agenda Items/Upcoming Meetings**: the WRISC Annual Meeting June 3, Resource Center; June 5th Interview Panel meeting for Seasonal Staff; and June 23 NCLWCA at Eagle River Trees for Tomorrow.
 11. With all business complete and a motion by Kelley, supported by Steber, all agreed to adjourn until July 6th 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully drafted by: Florence County Land Conservation Department Administrator
Margie Yadro