



FLORENCE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

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Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: June 2, 2014 6:30 PM

Location: Florence County Courthouse second floor conference room

1. **Roll Call:** The meeting was Called to Order by LCC Chairman Edward Wenger. Additional members in attendance were: Edwin Kelley, Gary Steber, Jeanette Bomberg, Susan Theer, and Yvonne VanPembrook. FSA Representative Todd Broullire was excused. Also in attendance: Florence County Zoning Administrator, Rich Wolosyn, and citizens Glen Johnson and Cary Anderson.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** On a motion by Theer, supported by Steber, all were in favor to approve the agenda as posted.
3. **Approval of the previous Meeting Minutes:** Moved by Steber, seconded by Theer, the motion passed to approve the May 5, 2014 LCC Meeting Minutes as drafted.
4. **Agency Partner Reports/Open Forum:** Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Michael Stinebrink was on hand to share information about redistricting county workgroups. Florence County was invited to attend as part of the Headwaters Local Work Group that has a July 10th meeting planned in Rhinelander. County partners are being surveyed to prioritize distribution of funds per land use in accordance with developing federal policy. Zoning Administrator, Wolosyn, agreed to review local land use classification acreage and report findings to Yadro. Committee members were encouraged to prioritize conservation practices in conjunction with the county's *Land and Water Resource Management Plan*. Yadro was directed to include this as an Action Item on the next LCC agenda. Stinebrink and Yadro will follow up with NRCS/County Agreement as previously approved.
5. **Administrative Summary:** County Conservationist Yadro shared her work plan log for May with highlighted activities that included: sending in the SWRM grant application to DATCP; attending the state AIS Coordinator meeting in Stevens Point; meeting with Lake Emily residents to develop resources for construction of a spawning reef; presenting Environmental Wellness at FHS; conducting engineering/site evaluations; and co-hosting a CBCW training with WRISC partners. Yadro also noted the extensive conservation programming named in the UWEX 2013 Annual Report. Committee members received a copy of the North Central Land and Water Conservation Association Meeting Minutes of May 29, 2014 where Yadro was re-elected as Secretary of the Board of Directors. Wenger had also been in attendance. Dave Solin of Langlade County was chosen as the NCLWCA President. Yadro's report finished with commenting on the state's requirement to update the county's 1982 Farmland Preservation Plan, set to expire on December 31, 2015. She is currently seeking estimates from Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission and will need to request grant funds immediately from DATCP based on those figures and on what can be estimated as an in-kind contribution from local resources.
 - A. **Cost-share Contracts 2014-06-02, 2014-06-03, and Change Order 2013-08-08:** On a motion by Kelley, supported by Steber, the motion is passed to complete contracts as presented in accordance with engineering estimates.

- B. AIS Prevention and Management Ad Hoc Committee:** Local residents representing two area lake associations encouraged the development of an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Ad Hoc Committee to pursue an AIS Prevention and Management Strategy for Florence County. On a motion VanPembrook, seconded by Steber, all were in favor to form this advisory group that could begin organizing immediately. Susan Theer accepted the nomination to the Committee. Yadro will host the meetings and report suggestions to LCC members.
 - C. Rock Reef Installation on Lake Emily:** Yadro had prepared a draft proposal of a Fish Spawning Cobblestone Reef installation designed for improving aquatic habitat in Lake Emily. Resources are being sought to construct a 17,500 sq. ft. rock reef estimated at a total cost of \$21,896. With Florence County offering to donate the necessary gravel, and the Lake Emily Association of Property Owners willing to provide coordination and in-kind labor, the project has a remaining out of pocket expense estimated at \$6,216. On a motion by Bomberg, supported by Theer, all approved the recommendation to provide the same lake association support (\$1,200) that has been offered to other local associations for improvement projects and planning. Yadro was directed to submit the remaining balance in a request to Lumberjack RC&D, Inc. for consideration of 2014 grant funds.
 - D. Expense Vouchers:** on a motion by Kelley, supported by Bomberg, the vouchers were approved as listed and recommended to the Florence County Audit and Budget Committee for payment. All were in favor. Yadro was directed to make Lumberjack grant projects' reimbursement requests directly to the grantor.
- 6. Future Agenda Items or Committee Concerns:** NRCS Survey Questions for Headwaters Work Group
 - 7. Next Meeting Date:** Monday, July 7, 2014.
 - 8. Call for Adjournment:** With all business completed and a motion by Steber, supported by Kelley, all were in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Yadro
County Conservationist