

FLORENCE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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Monday, July 11, 2016

6:30 PM

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Florence County Courthouse

SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

MEETING MINUTES

- 1. Roll Call:** Committee Chairman Edward Wenger called the meeting to order, congratulated the two new Land Conservation Department staff hires, and offered introductions. Those present included: Supervisors Edwin Kelley, Susan Theer, Jason Neuens, and Gary Steber; Vice Chairwoman Yvonne VanPembrook, and Farm Service Agency Representative Kim Broullire. Jeanette Bomberg was excused. Also participating were Land Conservation Department Administrator and Zoning Administrator Rich Wolosyn, Land Conservation Technician Scott Goodwin, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator Carolyn Weber-Starling, and Celie Borndal Soil Conservationist with the NRCS
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** On a motion by Theer, supported by Steber, all were in favor.
- 3. Approval of Previous LCC Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Theer, supported by Steber, all were in favor to approve the June 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes as submitted.
- 4. Agency Partner Reports/Open Forum:** Celie Borndal Soil Conservationist with the NRCS reported the NRCS Local Work Group Meeting for the region was scheduled for July 26, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Forest Service Building in Rhinelander. Yvonne VanPembrook will attend.
- 5. County Conservation Technician Presentation:** Land Conservation Technician Scott Goodwin gave a presentation on the Lake Monitoring Project providing an understanding of the aspects of the research and data collection.
- 6. AIS Coordinator Presentation:** AIS Coordinator Carolyn Weber-Starling presented a report on the status of the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program, including the work conducted over the Fourth of July weekend.
- 7. Discussion/Action – Farmland Preservation:** Rich Wolosyn reported that on July 1, 2016 Brandon Robinson and Josh Schedler from Bay Lake Regional Planning Commission provided the updated text and maps. Wolosyn completed the initial application and sent it to Katie Vosburg and Scott Karel and copies to the Florence County attorney. Vosberg will begin the preliminary review. Wolosyn received notice of three farms being taken out of Farmland Preservation. A total of 240 acres is being taken out of preservation. Committee Chairman Edward Wenger asked about the current timeline. Wolosyn reported that by next week all documents for a formal application should be submitted.
- 8. Discussion/Action – May Expense Vouchers:** Department Administrator Rich Wolosyn reported a check from Lumberjack RC&D for \$145.29 has been received by the County as a part of the Long Lake Aeration Project, but the expense cannot be located. There are no outstanding bills. Wolosyn reported that he will meet with Florence County Financial Manager Joe Bestor to identify the expense. On a motion by Kelly, supported by Neuens, all were in favor to approve May expenses.
- 9. Future Agenda Items/Upcoming Meetings:** VanPembrook reported Lumberjack RC&D will be having their Quarterly Counsel meeting in Long Lake on July 28, 2016 at Roadhouse 139. VanPembrook, Wolosyn and Goodwin will attend, Sissy Sullivan of the Lake Association of Long Lake will present a

report on the Long Lake Aeration Project. VanPembrook requested information on the outcomes of various Lumberjack RC&D projects delivered to Florence County be distributed at the July 28 meeting. Wolosyn and Goodwin will provide this information. Additionally, Lumberjack RC&D will have their Quarterly Executive Committee and Grant Committee meetings on July 20, 2016 in Rhinelander. VanPembrook will attend. Lumberjack is considering hiring of a new Invasive Species Coordinator and Analyst position to cover all nine counties.

- 10. Future Agenda Items:** Wolosyn will attend the DATCP County Conservationist Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Rapids on July 21 & 22, 2016. Northern County Conservationists will be meeting in May of 2017 in Florence County. Wolosyn has chosen May 18, 2017, but this date has not been confirmed.
- 11. Future Agenda Items:** Celie Borndal reported the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program deadline is September 2, 2016. All projects must be shovel-ready.
- 12. Set next meeting date and call for Adjournment:** On a motion by VanPembrook, seconded by Steber, all were in agreement to adjourn until August 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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