

# FLORENCE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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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. Those present included: Vice Chairwoman Yvonne VanPembrook. Supervisors Ed Kelly (for Jeanette Bomberg), Susan Theer, Jason Neuens, and Gary Steber and Farm Service Agency Representative Kim Broullire. Also participating were Land Conservation Department Administrator and Zoning Administrator Rich Wolosyn, Conservation Technician Scott Goodwin. APHIS representative Jeremy Irish, and NRCS representative Celie Borndal. Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator Carolyn Weber-Starling was excused.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** On a motion by Theer, supported by Steber; all were in favor
- 3. Approval of Previous LCC Minutes:** On a motion from Theer, supported by Broullire; all were in favor.
- 4. Agency Partner Reports/Open Forums:**  
Jeremy Irish provided the 2017 budget for Wildlife Damage Program. The only change from 2016 budget is a 1.8% increase on salaries. Motion to approve moved by Steber, supported by VanPembrook; all were in favor. Chairmen Wenger provide signed copy to Irish.

Celie Borndal provided a presentation about the new NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program. New selection guidelines have been put in place. A press release will be sent out.

- 5. AIS Coordinator Report:** Conservation Technician Goodwin presented the report in AIS Coordinator Weber-Starling's absence. The 2016 Clean Boats, Clean Waters program has completed all required hours at all landings. The project did not reach the planned 1,178 hours for Spread Eagle North Lake as per the department's agreement with SECOLA. Weber-Starling and Goodwin need time to get a full accounting. The department will return any money not used to SECOLA.

The Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Lake Monitoring project has exceeded the grant required twenty lakes by two. Goodwin would like to finish the season with twenty-five total. This will help offset last year's low total of eighteen. Goodwin reported that he and the AIS staff participated in the 2016 River Alliance AIS Bride Snapshot day, as required by the grant. The department examined a zebra mussel substrate test plate from Loon Lake and found heavy growth after one month. Both the current monthly, and the full-season test plates will be pulled at the end of September, be examined, and the results sent to the DNR. Test plates in lakes Emily and Patten have shown no zebra mussels.

- 6. Conservation Technician's Report:** Goodwin reported the AIS Lake Monitoring project is under-budget. New test probes will be purchased from Hach to have in stock when the current probes need replaced. Goodwin confirmed the DNR has no issue with LCD moving forward on a Lumberjack RC&D grant proposal to purchase

a spectrophotometer. Letters of support for this grant proposal are pending. In partnership with the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) the assessment of non-native Phragmites on Lake Cosgrove was conducted. Three new locations were documented. Goodwin will be working with Lindsay Peterson from WRISC in September to conduct hand-swiping application of herbicide to treat the sites. A survey of the waters around Lake Cosgrove will be done to confirm the infestation has not spread. Goodwin anticipates being at the County Road U culvert replacement.

- 7. County Conservatoinist Summary:** Administrator Wolosyn provided the committee with the DATCP report for August showing Florence County's Farmland Preservation Plan has been certified. The Carlson road culvert was signed-off on by Stacy Dehne. The County Road U culvert replacement is underway. The road will reopen by Friday evening. Both culvert replacements were carry-over projects from 2015 and will require change orders. Four culverts were reviewed in Fence. Two on Morgan Lake Road qualify for cost-share. One culvert in Fern (Sumac Road) fits the cost-share program, but may also be able to draw additional funding. LCD will proceed, and contact Fred Erwin to work with the property owners at the site. \$25,000.00 of 2016 money is earmarked for match on the Mitigation Enhancement Fund culvert project. This is also expected to be a carry-over project for 2017, as flooding in northern Wisconsin has caused a delay. Wolosyn will be in Madison on October 4, 2016 for the extension of the Land + Water Plan for five years.
- 8. Farmland Preservation Update:** DATCP has certified the plan. There will be a public hearing on Monday, October 3, 2016 at the LCC meeting. It is anticipated to go to the County Board for approval on October 18, 2016.
- 9. Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference (UMISC) Attendance:** Goodwin requested clearance from the committee to attend UMISC from October 17-19, 2016. This can be paid through the AIS Lake Monitoring grant. Motion to approve by Kelly, supported by VanPembrook; motion passed without opposition.
- 10. Discussion/Action August expense voucher:** Motion to approve by Theer, supported by Steber; motion passed without opposition.
- 11. Next meeting:** October 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Farmland Preservation Plan public hearing.
- 12. Motion to adjourn:** Moved by Kelly, supported by Broullire; motion passed without opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

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