

FLORENCE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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Monday, October 3, 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. Those present included: Vice Chairwoman Yvonne VanPembrook. Supervisors 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, DNR representative John Gozdziwski, and Town of Florence Chairman Tim Bomberg.

- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** On a motion by Steber, supported by VanPembrook; all were in favor
- 3. Approval of Previous LCC Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by VanPembrook, supported by Steber; all were in favor
- 4. Agency Partner Reports/Open Forum:** Agency Partner Reports: John Gozdziwski, DNR reported that the projects were going well from his perspective. He and County Supervisors had assessed the new boat landing on Angelo Romitti Drive. The DNR has recently stocked approximately 6,300 fish under the Walleye Initiative in Spread Eagle Chain (2,900), Halsey (2,500), Cosgrove (385), and Sand (500). Patten Lake's Walleye fishery is rebounding after the Bullhead removal. The Lake Ellwood fishery continues recover after the herbicide treatments for Eurasian Water Milfoil. Culvert replacement on trout streams continues to make progress; the Wisconsin Creek and Woods Creek locations are responding well.
- 5. Public Hearing Notice: Florence County Farmland Preservation Plan Update; Public Input, written or oral, on the Proposed Amendment to the Florence County Farmland Preservation Plan:** Wolosyn reported there was no written public input. This update is amended and adopted under the Working Lands Initiative of the Comprehensive Plan under Wisconsin Statute 66.1001. Wolosyn spoke to Town Chairs Fred Erwin (Fern), Elinor Trosin (Homestead), and Betty Bock (Aurora). Elinor Trosin confirmed with Wolosyn the language was changed from the first draft allowing the superseding of zoning. Betty Bock had questions for Wolosyn.

Tim Bomberg Chairman of the Town of Florence expressed concern how the Farmland Preservation Plan would affect the Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) District? Wolosyn answered property would have to be identified and brought before the Land Conservation Committee if there is a conflict. Chairman Bomberg stated the Town of Florence did not want to participate in the Farmland Preservation Plan. Wolosyn responded the Town of Florence had that right; that a letter clearly stating the town's intent needed to be sent to Zoning Department, and the process will go through the Zoning Committee. Wolosyn also clarified that if a township has a difference in their plan they will bring it to the Land Conservation Committee.

The Town of Long Lake does not have any farmland that meets the criteria, nor does the Town of Long Lake follow the Comprehensive Plan or Comprehensive Zoning. The Town of Fern did not adopt Comprehensive Zoning

however; did adopt the Comprehensive Plan. The Town of Tipler did adopt Comprehensive Zoning however; did not adopt the Comprehensive Plan. Residents of these towns wishing to participate in Farmland Preservation will need to form an Agriculture Enterprise Area (AEA). If both Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Zoning are adopted in the future farmland meeting the criteria in Fern and Tippler will be eligible for the \$7.50 per acre tax credit. Chairman Ed Wenger called for additional public input three times. There was none.

6. **Discussion/Action regarding the recommendation to the Florence County Board of Supervisors to adopted the amendment to the Florence County Farmland Preservation Plan that is being proposed to be adopted as part of the Florence County 20-year Comprehensive Plan under the guidelines of Section 66.1001 Wisconsin Statutes.** Moved by Steber, second by Theer; passed unopposed.
7. **Discussion/Action regarding a draft ordinance to adopt an amendment to the Florence County Farmland Preservation Plan Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1001.** Motion to send the Farmland Preservation Plan Amendment under the Working Lands Initiative to the County Board for adoption on October 18, 2016. by Neuens, with support from Broullire; passed unopposed.
8. **Conservation Technician Report:** Lumberjack RC&D grant Goodwin presented the 2017 Lumberjack RC&D Grant Proposal to the members. Goodwin asked the committee for clearance to submit the proposal. Motion by VanPembrook, second by Steber, motion passed unopposed. Chairman Wegner signed off on submission of the grant. Non-native Phragmites treatments had been conducted on Lake Cosgrove.
9. **County Conservationist Summary:** The Carlson road culvert replacement was finalized and Stacy Dehne signed off on it. A change order was submitted for the Town of Homestead. The County Road U box culvert is complete, waiting for Dehne to review. Jon Simonsen, Dehne, and LCD staff are proceeding with the culvert projects on Woods Creek. One additional site to be surveyed, and one carry-over project to next year.
10. **Discussion/Action: September Expense Vouchers:** Moved by Bomberg, second by Theer; passed unopposed.
11. **Future Agenda Items/Upcoming Meetings:** Wolosyn will be in Madison to present a request for extension on the Land + Water Plan. VanPembrook will be attending Lumberjack Executive and Quarterly meetings. Goodwin will be at the WRISC Board meeting, there is DATCP Staff Training on November 14, Wolosyn and Goodwin will look into attending.
12. **Set next meeting date and call for Adjournment:** Meeting Date: November 7, 2016. VanPembrook and Steber will not attend. Motion to adjourn, moved by Steber, second by Broullire; passed unopposed.

Respectfully submitted,

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