

## FLORENCE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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Monday, October 5, 2015

6:30 PM

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### **LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

#### **Florence County Courthouse**

SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Roll Call:** Committee Vice Chairwoman Yvonne VanPembrook called the meeting to order. Also in attendance were: Supervisors Ed Kelley, Jeanette Bomberg, and Susan Theer; and, Farm Service Agency Representative Todd Broullire. Supervisors Ed Wenger and Gary Steber were excused. Also participating: USDA-APHIS Representative Jeremy Irish; Zoning Administrator Rich Wolosyn; Land Conservation Administrator Margie Yadro and Invasive Species Program Manager Scott Goodwin.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** On a motion by Theer, supported by Bomberg, all were in favor to approve the agenda as posted on October 1, 2015.
3. **Approval of previous LCC Meeting Minutes:** Kelley moved to accept the September 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes as drafted. Supported by Theer. All were in favor.
4. **Agency Partner Reports/Open Forum:** An update was given by Irish on the overall wildlife abatement species and damage recorded in the area this field season.
  - a. **Wildlife Abatement 2016 Program Budget:** On a motion by Bomberg supported by Theer, all were in favor to adopt next year's program budget proposal in the amount of \$20,091.39 as presented. Yadro noted that this is a fully reimbursed state program.
5. **Invasive Species Program Manager Summary:** Goodwin provided a progress report of the data collected along with contacts made through the current aquatic invasive species grant projects. A recent Florence County Invasive Species Council meeting was also held where new plant discoveries had been documented in the county. The group agreed to meet bi-annually and set goals and objectives for recommendation to the Florence County Land Conservation Committee.
6. **Discussion/Action – Invasive Species Council Recommendations:** Meeting Minutes of the first Invasive Species Council meeting held on September 25, 2015 were reviewed. Council recommendations included: implementation of a county-wide invasive species prevention and management strategy that incorporated effective prevention and control methods with the least risk to human and environmental health; application for a 2016 WDNR Surface Water Grant for county-wide watercraft inspections at priority boat landings; development of a multi-media education plan in addition to guiding rapid response and promoting BMPs; and, continue to seek resources toward sustaining a permanent invasive species coordinator position. On a motion by Kelley, supported by Bomberg, Yadro was directed to apply to the WDNR for 2016 grant funding for implementing a Clean Boats, Clean Water program as recommended by the Invasive Species Council. All were in favor.

- 7. Discussion/Action – Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP)**
- a. Ad Hoc Committee recommendations: after a review of the FPP Ad Hoc Committee suggestions, all agreed to request a Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) extension necessary to best meet the needs of county landowners while determining any priority sites related to the state required County FPP update.
  - b. Letter of Extension Request: Kelley moved to send a letter to DATCP Secretary Ben Brancel to request an extension to the update of the County's *Farmland Preservation Plan*, noting the statutory reference that requires document consistency with the County's *Comprehensive Plan*. Seconded by Bomberg. All were in favor.
- 8. Discussion/Action – Grant funded projects and proposals**
- a. Lumberjack RC&D Community projects: On a motion by Theer, supported by Broullire, all were in favor to approve the Long Lake project proposal titled: Sustaining a Healthy Lake Ecosystem. Yadro will submit this project as Florence County's priority request for funding to the Lumberjack RC&D Council by the October 15, 2015 deadline.
  - b. DATCP Conservation projects: Yadro reported on two cost-share project installations along with a new grant funded opportunity for fish passage improvement in the Pine and Popple River watersheds to be utilized over the next three years. No action was necessary.
- 9. Discussion/Action – Land and Water Resource Management Plan extension**: Yadro had received recent correspondence from DATCP to begin the process for renewing or extending the County's *Land and Water Resource Management Plan*. Further communication is expected to review options and timelines. No further action was taken.
- 10. Discussion/Action – Conservation Legislation/Resolutions**: Committee members were introduced to Senate Bill 239 relating to replacement, reconstruction, and transfer of an approved high capacity well. Yadro recalled landowner concerns expressed around the state of the inability to transfer high capacity well permits when property is sold. Bomberg moved to send this item on for further consideration by the County Legislative Advisory Committee. Supported by Theer. All were in favor.
- 11. Discussion/Action – Equipment disposal/recycling**. Yadro was directed to seek IT Administrator Jen Steber's guidance for reuse or disposal options related to technical office equipment.
- 12. Discussion/Action –September Expense Vouchers**: On a motion by Bomberg, supported by Theer, the vouchers were approved as listed and will be forwarded to Audit & Budget Committee for payment. All were in favor.
- 13. Future Agenda Items/Upcoming Meetings**: October 29, 2015 Lumberjack RC&D meeting in Rhinelander.
- 14. Next LCC Meeting Date**: November 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
- 15. Call for Adjournment**: with all business complete, Theer moved to adjourn. Supported by Broullire. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margie Yadro*

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