



## FLORENCE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

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### Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** December 12, 2013 6:30 PM

**Location:** Courthouse second floor conference room

1. **Roll Call:** Supervisors Jeanette Bomberg, Edwin Kelley, Gary Steber, Edward Wenger (Chairman), and committee member, Todd Broullire. Also attending: LCD Administrator-Florence County Conservationist, Margie Yadro; and, Florence County Zoning Administrator, Rich Wolosyn. Committee Members Susan Theer and Yvonne VanPembrook were excused.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** On a motion by Kelley, supported by Steber, all were in favor to approve the agenda as posted.
3. **Approval of the previous Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Steber, a second by Broullire, all were in favor to approve the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 LCC Meeting Minutes as submitted.
4. **Agency Partner Reports/Open Forum:** The National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Michael Stinebrink out of Rhinelander submitted information on current programs and news releases. No further action was necessary. Jeremy Irish of Wildlife Services had also submitted the 2013 Crop Price Proposal for claims through Wildlife Abatement, and a Cooperative Agreement between agencies and the county.
  - A. On a motion by Steber, supported by Broullire, all were in favor to approve the Claim Proposal rates as presented.
  - B. On a Motion by Bomberg, a second by Steber, all were in favor to continue the Cooperative Agreement with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), the Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and Wildlife Services (WS) that will offer our local agricultural producers professional assistance in managing wildlife. The local contact, Yadro, also noted that cougar, Canada geese and sandhill cranes are new species listed in Wisconsin as causing potential losses to farmers which had already amounted to over \$1 million annually.
5. **Administrative Summary:** County Conservationist Yadro had correspondence from Maureen Ferry currently coordinating AIS professionals from Madison. She has completed her zebra mussel study of the Menominee Rivers Watershed. If interested in more information, please contact Yadro for a copy. Other state efforts include up to \$3,000 for technical one-on-one assistance to improve increased sales and purchases of local foods; also a DNR survey of grant improvements according to the Lean Government Initiative. Yadro also met with regional partners in the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC). New members continue to grow the organization which also improves grant eligibility. The last in a series of Natural Resource Education programs was held in November. About 40 high school students participated. DATCP Engineer Stacy Dehne did a brief assessment of new sites and finalized construction approval on the remaining sites that were completed in 2013. All cost-share dollars were fully utilized. Yadro reported that upcoming meetings include: Dec. 13, Bay Lake Regional Planning; Dec. 19, Marinette County Vacuum Boat exhibit; and, White Water hosting the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes

planning meeting; and, Jan. 16 Lumberjack RC&D meeting which has two Florence County projects requesting support funds.

**A.** On a motion by Kelley, a second by Steber, all were in favor to direct Yadro to submit final reimbursement requests to DATCP to cover 100% of the state's portion of cost-share projects constructed in 2013. Public and private landowners received over \$69,000 for the installation of conservation projects in Florence County.

**B.** On a motion by Steber, supported by Bomberg, one contract will be held open for a partial payment in 2014. All were in favor.

**C.** On a motion by Steber, a second by Kelley, all were in favor to support UW-Extension's request to Lumberjack RC&D, Inc. for underwriting a portion of their annual Sustainable Forestry Conference scheduled for April 10, 2014. Yadro will submit the proposal to Claudia Baker, their Executive Director.

**D.** On a motion by Bomberg, supported by Steber, the committee reviewed two additional grant proposals for 2014. One will provide three Limited Term Employment positions in the county at boat landings next summer. The other proposal is mainly for improving fish passage in the Wild Rivers watershed. Yadro is working with DNR Transportation Liaison Jon Simonsen to request federal dollars. Together, the two projects total nearly \$94,000 in grant money. All were in favor.

**E.** Yadro explained that a deposit had been made from reimbursement money through DATCP that is associated to the county's Soil and Water Resource Management grant. The yearend portion will be requested shortly. On a motion by Bomberg, a second by Kelley, the vouchers were approved and recommended to Audit and Budget Committee for payment. All were in favor.

**6. Future Agenda Items or Committee Concerns:** None were suggested.

**7. Call for Adjournment:** With all business completed and a motion by Steber, supported by Broullire, all were in favor to adjourn until January 6, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Yadro  
County Conservationist