

FLORENCE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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Land Conservation Committee (LCC)

Meeting Minutes

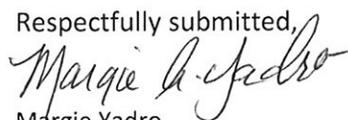
Date/Time: September 2, 2014

Location: Florence County Courthouse, second floor conference room

1. **Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by LCC Chairman, Edward Wenger. Committee members in attendance: Vice Chairwoman Yvonne VanPembrook, Edwin Kelley, Jeanette Bomberg, Susan Theer, Gary Steber and Todd Broullire. Also in attendance: Florence County Land Conservation Department Administrator, Margie Yadro; and, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes Association Member, Joe Buchanan.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** On a motion by Bomberg, supported by Broullire, all were in favor to approve the agenda as posted on August 26, 2014.
3. **Approval of the previous LCC Meeting Minutes:** Moved by VanPembrook, seconded by Theer, to approve the August 4, 2014 LCC Meeting Minutes as drafted. Motion passed.
4. **Agency Partner Reports/Open Forum:** Administrator Yadro had received correspondence from both Jeremy Irish at USDA-APHIS and Michael Stinebrink of NRCS regarding partner conservation programs. Neither had any new information for the committee members this month. Broullire added that the federal Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) signup deadline is October 3, 2014.
5. **Administrative Summary:** Yadro shared an office work log for August. Activities included attending the North Central Land and Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA) meeting in Antigo and the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) Board of Directors meeting in Menominee, MI. Yadro, Secretary of each organization, forwarded the NCLWCA action taken that requested each member county to comment on priority funding suggestions from the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Yadro plans to bring forward a resolution for consideration at the next LCC meeting. The WRISC organization is currently updating their Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) which should be ready for Florence County Corporate Counsel review this fall. Yadro has also applied as the County's agricultural representative member for the Wisconsin Deer Advisory Council who plans to host a meeting in Florence at the Natural Resource Center on September 17th.
 - A. **2015 LCD Budget Proposal:** Yadro reported on receipts deposited in August, totaling \$74,695.44 (\$21,713.78 of the total credited toward 2013 expenses). Yadro went on to explain comparisons of the 2014 Estimated Actual and 2015 Proposed Land Conservation Department Budgets. On a motion by Kelley, supported by Steber, all were in favor to accept the budgets as submitted to the Audit and Budget Committee.
 - B. **Farmland Preservation Planning (FPP):** Yadro supplied a progress report of the state required update to the County's Farmland Preservation Plan. Significant changes will offer FPP tax incentives only to eligible landowner agreements signed after July 1, 2009 and located within a state approved Agricultural Enterprise Area, or zoned for Farmland Preservation, or both. Yadro has secured a 50% state grant match to assist in this update and met recently with

Zoning Administrator, Rich Wolosyn, and Bay-Lake Regional Planner, Brandon Robinson, to discuss the update in more detail. On a motion by VanPembrook, supported by Bomberg, Yadro was directed to request a contract proposal from Bay-Lake Regional Planning, detailing the project responsibilities and costs. All were in favor.

- C. **Invasive Species Prevention and Management Plan:** Yadro distributed notes taken from the previous Aquatic Invasive Species Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The group agreed to consider all invasive species in the plan development and identified goals that included: prevention of further introduction and spread of invasive species; development of a rapid response effort to quickly address pioneer populations; and to secure support for long term invasive species management. Yadro reported the Ad Hoc Committee's request to expand upon the successful Clean Boats, Clean Water (CBCW) watercraft inspection initiative to offer coverage at eleven public landings during the 2015 boating season. On a motion by Bomberg, seconded by Theer, all were in favor to direct Yadro to apply to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for grant funding to support these summer Limited Term Employment (LTE) positions. Buchanan reported that the SECOLA members had recently purchased a pressure washer unit for use as a decontamination station at the North Lake boat landing in Spread Eagle and that the organization would also like to supply the financial resources necessary to expand the watercraft inspector position at that boat launch next year. He also stated that this was an excellent first step for the County, and would appreciate consideration for securing a revenue stream to build on resources needed to prevent and manage invasives of the future. He had previously submitted a related enforcement ordinance draft. Yadro has offered a professional labor in-kind worksheet to SECOLA to help offset a local grant match for an aquatic invasive species project and proposed utilizing available administrative fees as rapid response resources for the treatment of aquatic and terrestrial invasive populations next year.
 - D. **Lumberjack RC&D Grant Projects:** Yadro updated the Committee on the two active Lumberjack sponsored projects. The RV station has the underground boring completed and plans have been engineered to build the service island. The Crossroads Community Garden has also made several improvements and would like to pursue the construction of a grant funded outbuilding. On a motion by Bomberg, seconded by Theer, Yadro was authorized to publish a related bid advertisement two times locally, as presented. All were in favor.
 - E. **DATCP Cost-Share Projects/Reimbursements:** on a motion by Bomberg, supported by Theer, all were in favor to request reimbursements for approved projects constructed through the conservation cost-share program. An additional contract was secured in August for culvert improvements in the Town of Fence where September installation is anticipated.
 - F. **Expense Vouchers:** on a motion by VanPembrook, supported by Bomberg, all were in favor to approve the expense vouchers, including a Lake Emily Association water quality project reimbursement, and recommended to the Florence County Audit and Budget Committee for payment.
- 6. **Future Agenda Items or Committee Concerns:** Farmland Preservation Plan contract; and a DATCP funding resolution.
 - 7. **Next Meeting Date:** Monday, October 6, 2014.
 - 8. **Call for Adjournment:** With all business completed and a motion by Kelley, supported by Steber, all were in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Yadro
Florence County Conservationist