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Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: September 9, 2013 6:30 PM
Location: Courthouse second floor conference room

i. **Roll Call**: Supervisors Jeanette Bomberg, Edwin Kelley, Susan Theer, Edward Wenger (Chairman), and Committee Members, Yvonne VanPembrook and Todd Broullire. Excused: Supervisor Gary Steber. Also attending: LCD Administrator, Margie Yadro; NRCS District Conservationist, Michael Stinebrink; and Zoning Administrator, Rich Wolosyn.

ii. **Approval of Agenda**: On a motion by Theer, supported by VanPembrook, all were in favor to accept the current agenda as posted.

iii. **Approval of the previous Meeting Minutes**: On a motion by Kelley, a second by Theer, all were in favor to approve the August 5, 2013 Meeting Minutes as submitted.

iv. **Agency Partner Reports**:

NRCS: The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist, Michael Stinebrink, conducted a Local Work Group meeting on August 14th in Rhinelander that helps provide recommendations on local natural resource priorities and criteria for conservation activities and programs. Stinebrink will also need to bring the operational agreement forward between the federal and local conservation partners. Yadro will include that as an action item on next month's agenda.

v. **Administrative Summary**: County Conservationist Yadro shared a construction photo of the culvert replacement project taking place on County Highway D, near Lake Emily, with the cooperation of the County Highway and Land Conservation Departments. There are several water quality projects scheduled at this time and permits are being sought for remaining construction sites.

a. **2014 proposed LCD Budget**: On a motion by Kelley, supported by Theer, all were in favor to submit the department levy request to the Audit and Budget Committee, unchanged from 2013.

b. **Grant Project Applications**: Yadro supplied a grant spreadsheet for 2013/2014 department revenue totaling nearly $400,000 in grant resources. Further grant proposals are expected for the Lumberjack RC&D, Inc. funding opportunities with a deadline of December 31, 2013. On a motion by VanPembrook, a second by Theer, the report was accepted as shown. All were in favor.

c. **SB 278**: On a motion by VanPembrook, supported by Kelley, this item will be forwarded to the Legislative Committee for further action. All were in favor.

d. **ATCP 50 Rule Revisions**: Yadro provided an explanation of the new revisions proposed by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) rule that affects Land Conservation Departments. The significant item locally was allowing public entities to remain as

cost-share eligible. VanPembrook moved to send a letter to DATCP supporting the revisions as stated, supported by Bomberg. All were in favor.

e. **NCLWCA Resolutions**: following the Legislative Advisory Committee recommendation to hold off on the wolf management resolution, these regional resolutions can be posted as future agenda action items or submitted to County Board.

vi. **Present Vouchers for approval and recommendation to Audit & Budget Committee for payment**: On a motion by Kelley, support by Bomberg, all were in favor to submit the bills as shown.

vii. **Future Agenda Items or Committee concerns**: none.

viii. **Call for Adjournment**: With all business completed and a motion by VanPembrook, supported by Theer, all were in favor to adjourn until October 7th, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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