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### Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 6:30 PM

**Location:** Courthouse second floor conference room

- I. **Roll Call:** Supervisors Jeanette Bomberg, Edwin Kelley, Gary Steber, Susan Theer, Edward Wenger (Chairman), and Committee Member, Yvonne VanPembrook. Also attending: LCD Administrator, Florence County Conservationist, Margie Yadro; Invasive Species Program Manager, Robert Richard; Watercraft Inspection Coordinator, Ryan Jacobson; Lumberjack RC&D Director, Claudia Baker; and, Zoning Administrator, Rich Wolosyn. Excused: Committee member Todd Broullire.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** On a motion by Theer, supported by Bomberg, all were in favor.
- III. **Approval of the previous Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Steber, a second by Theer, all were in favor.
- IV. **Agency Partner Reports:**

**NRCS:** The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist, Michael Stinebrink, provided a written update regarding the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) deadline that has been extended to June 14. Average annual payments per acre included \$20.16 for cropland; \$13.90 for pastureland; and \$3.70 for forestland. Please contact Stinebrink if there are any questions.

**LUMBERJACK RC&D, INC:** Executive Director, Claudia Baker, was on hand to share information about this multi-county non-profit organization. The group's focus is on conservation, development and utilization of natural resources to improve the standard of living. Currently, Lumberjack is underwriting aspects of the UWEX Sustainable Forestry Conference each year, the Crossroads Station public site development, and is a formal partner of the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition. Additional grant requests are required to pass through the local Land Conservation Committees' approval and then presented to the Lumberjack Council by December 31<sup>st</sup> for a final vote.

**Open Forum:** A scholarship request was submitted to the department for registration in the Youth Conservation Camp held at Trees For Tomorrow in Eagle River. Yadro was asked to find how the public was made aware of this opportunity. On a motion by Bomberg, supported by Steber, up to \$300 would be distributed locally to those Florence County youth that apply, not more than \$100 each.

Richard and Jacobson updated the Committee members about Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) training opportunities, youth educational programs, updating informational kiosks at boat landings, several AIS public awareness campaigns, and lake monitoring progress. The Land Conservation Department hosts the final Zebra Mussel Research Grant Stakeholder Meeting, scheduled for June 24, 9 am to noon at the Florence Natural Resource Center.

- V. **Administrative Summary:** County Conservationist Yadro provided a copy of the North Central Land and Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA) recent meeting minutes. Highlights included public hearing comments regarding atcp 50 revisions; the tri-county AIS Coordinator program sponsored by Lumberjack RC&D, Inc.; and, that DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp held a round table discussion. Yadro included their budget information where county dues are not expected to change. A 2012 department financial report was also shared regarding grant programs and county levy. Yadro expects approximately \$5,500 to return to the general fund once final grant payments are deposited.
- VI. **Present Vouchers for approval and recommendation to Audit & Budget Committee for payment:** Yadro explained that the student registration expense was carried over from 2012. On a motion by Steber, support by Theer, all were in favor.
- VII. **Future Agenda Items or Committee concerns:** none.
- VIII. **Call for Adjournment:** On a motion by Kelley, supported by VanPembrook, all were in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Yadro  
County Conservationist