



## FLORENCE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

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### Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** April 7, 2014 6:30 PM

**Location:** Courthouse second floor conference room

1. **Roll Call:** Vice Chairwoman Yvonne VanPembrook called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Supervisors in attendance included: Edwin Kelley, Gary Steber, Jeanette Bomberg and Susan Theer. Chairman Edward Wenger was seated at 6:45. Farm Service Agency committee member Todd Broullire was excused. Also in attendance: LCD Administrator-Florence County Conservationist, Margie Yadro; Florence County Zoning Administrator, Rich Wolosyn; and, Northwoods Land Trust Executive Director, Bryan Pierce.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** On a motion by Steber, supported by Theer, all were in favor to approve the agenda as posted.
3. **Approval of the previous Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Kelley, seconded by Theer, motion passed to approve the March 13, 2014 LCC Meeting Minutes as drafted.
4. **Agency Partner Reports/Open Forum:** There were no agency reports. Yadro introduced Bryan Pierce of Northwoods Land Trust, located in Eagle River. Pierce explained that this nonprofit organization developed from lake organizations' and private individuals' interest in preserving natural tracts of land, particularly along shorelines. Voluntary conservation easements are offered and negotiated individually that restricts current and future uses of the property in exchange for creating a permanent legacy; and, typically provides income tax or estate tax incentives. Pierce explained that landowners continue to own and manage their property, pay taxes on it, and can opt to sell it or pass it to their heirs. Though a conservation easement does not guarantee public access to enrolled properties, many landowners do include public use in their conservation plan held in perpetuity. The Northwoods Land Trust currently has 66 conservation easements enrolled in the region along with 4 land donations. The Committee thanked Pierce for his time and dedication to preserving these high quality natural resources.
5. **Administrative Summary:** County Conservationist Yadro shared a copy of her workplan log that included attending the WLWCA conference in Appleton, grant project progress, professional improvement training, and the postponed spring tree sales distribution scheduled for the Florence Natural Resource Center. Handouts were included that listed the WDNR aquatic invasive species grant awards, the engineered design of the proposed RV sanitation station, and the meeting minutes to regional conservation organizations. Yadro also included correspondence with a local lake association interested in boat wash resources. They were directed to the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition website for information and registering use of portable boat wash units and trained operators. Yadro wrapped up her report noting a watercraft inspector training offered on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Florence Natural Resource Center; a request sent to county department administrators for interest in publishing another county-wide newsletter; and, the addition of the Legislative Committee as part of the County Conservationist position flow chart.

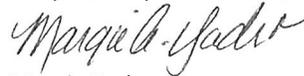
**A. Application for 2015 DATCP grant funds:** Yadro explained that state adjustments would be based on the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) grant award formula along with county staffing and available cost-share. On a motion by VanPembrook, supported by Kelley, Yadro was directed to submit the application to DATCP for the nonpoint source grant as presented, for a total request of \$156,335.00 for calendar year 2015. Motion passes.

**B. Legislative recommendations:** Yadro reported on recent contacts with regional, state and federal conservation partners that might coordinate legislative efforts. No further action was needed.

**C. Consideration of Vouchers:** on a motion by Steber, supported by VanPembrook, the vouchers were approved and recommended to the Florence County Audit and Budget Committee for payment. All were in favor.

6. **Future Agenda Items or Committee Concerns:** VanPembrook reported on an upcoming Lumberjack RC&D, Inc. meeting to be hosted at Maxsell's Restaurant in Florence on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
7. **Next Meeting Date:** Monday, May 5, 2014.
8. **Call for Adjournment:** With all business completed and a motion by Kelley, supported by Theer, all were in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Margie Yadro  
County Conservationist