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Monday, August 5, 2019

6:00 P.M.

## LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

### Florence County Courthouse

SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

### MINUTES

- 1. Roll Call** Committee Chair Larry Dzekute called the meeting to order. Present were County Board Supervisors Jeanette Bomberg, Chad Hedmark, Susan Theer, committee member Yvonne VanPembrook, and Farm Service Representative Todd Broullire. Supervisor Gary Steber was excused. Also, in attendance were County Conservationist Scott Wolf, Conservation Technician Scott Goodwin, AIS Coordinator Ashley Reitter, and Ross Mielke-USDA, APHIS.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda** On a motion from Theer, with support from VanPembrook, motion passed unopposed.
- 3. Approval of Previous LCC Meeting Minutes** On a motion from Hedmark, with support from Theer, motion passed unopposed.
- 4. Agency Partner Reports/Open Forum: Ross Mielke USDA-APHIS; WDACP and Feral Swine Update, information only** Mielke updated the committee on active Wildlife Abatement claims for the county. There was a claim of feral swine in Forest County near the Forest/Florence county line (Fence). This claim is approximately three months old and untraceable. This is the only recent feral swine report, but there may be more reports as hunting season begins.
- 5. AIS Coordinators Report:** Reitter reported on the status of the CBCW project.
- 6. Conservation Technician Report** In addition to his written report, Goodwin showed a video on the Erickson and Van Camp projects. Goodwin also reported on attending the Aurora Town Board meeting regarding the Sportsman Lane and East Fisher Lake Parkway projects. Flight operations for Villas County were unsuccessful due to software/communications issues.
- 7. County Conservationist Summary** Wolf reported on reports of lower zebra mussel numbers in Keyes Lake. Wolf had the opportunity to meet with James Yach regarding the AEPP grant, and the lake naming project in Barrens. As all of the 2020 funding is anticipated to be earmarked for the Woods Creek culvert, it would be helpful if the Aurora projects were to be signed this year to allow 2019 funds to carry over, but this might not be possible. The Berner project is moving forward and the contract is expected to be signed this year.

8. **Discussion/Action: Approval of the 2020 budget** Wolf reported on the first draft of the 2020 budget. Expenses have been raised for travel. In talks with Sheriff Miller about possibly getting a retired vehicle to share between LCD and Zoning. The joint printer shared between LCD and Zoning can no longer be serviced. Wolf is looking at options but the anticipated cost is \$2,200 per department. The LCD is requesting a levy increase to \$22,750.00. On a motion from Bomberg, with support from Hedmark, motion passed unopposed.
9. **Discussion/Action: sUAS Flight Operations for Langlade County Disaster Assessment** Wolf reported being contacted by Henry Sullivan (DNR) to fly the sUAS to assess storm damage in Langlade County forests. VanPembrook stated we should be willing to help, but be clear what they need and that we are limited to in time commitment. Approval to fly (if requested by Langlade Co.) and to charge the Pilot's weighted rate and mileage to cover expenses for the department. On a motion from Bomberg, with support from Hedmark, motion passed unopposed.
10. **Discussion/Action: Discussion/Action: August Expense Vouchers.** On a motion from Bomberg, with support from Theer, to advance to Audit & Budget. Motion passed unopposed.
11. **Future Agenda Items/Upcoming Meetings: VanPembrook Lumberjack report:** VanPembrook attended both the executive and full council Lumberjack RC&D meetings. October 1 deadline for proposals, and stewardship awards. \$45,636.00 for 2020 funding. The forestry inventory contract is up for renewal and this may affect future funding.
12. **Set next meeting date and call for Adjournment** Next meeting set for Tuesday September 3, 2019. On a motion from Theer, with support from Hedmark, motion passed unopposed.

Respectfully submitted,

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