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6:00 P.M.

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Florence County Courthouse

SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

DRAFT MINUTES

- 1. Roll Call** Committee Chair Rich Wolosyn called the meeting to order. Present were County Board Supervisors Jeanette Bomberg, Matt Burnette, Gary Steber, Committee member Yvonne VanPembrook. Supervisor Chad Hedmark was excused. Farm Service Agency Representative Todd Broullire and AIS Coordinator Shawna Broullire were absent. Also, in attendance were County Conservationist Kelly Sleeter, Conservation Technician Scott Goodwin, and Florence County Forester Patrick Smith. Additionally, constituents from Spread Eagle Chain of Lake Association were in attendance.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda** On a motion from Steber, with support from Burnette, motion passed unopposed.
- 3. Approval of Previous LCC Meeting Minutes** On a motion from Bomberg, with support from Steber, motion passed unopposed.
- 4. Agency Partner Reports/Open Forum: NRCS Written Report, FSA Written Report:** No additional information beyond the written reports provided to the committee
- 5. Discussion/Action: North Lake Boat Landing Proposal:** Smith reported on the North Lake Landing Proposal as forwarded from the Forestry & Parks Committee. This proposal is to improve the boat landing at North Lake. One option to consider is the purchase of adjacent land to expand parking and provide better flow. Smith provided conceptual drawings created by Coleman Engineering designed to accommodate the maximum parking recommended by the DNR by utilizing this land as a reference for the committee.
 - Steber asked if the dry hydrant would be relocated, Smith confirmed it would be.
 - VanPembrook asked if the current property owner was willing to sell, Smith confirmed they are.

Goodwin presented imagery taken with the county's drone of the site currently and the site with the conceptual drawings overlaid. Goodwin reported from a Land

Conservation Department perspective the ease of access and boater convenience for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program would be important considerations. Also, that for any design plan should incorporate methods to slow runoff from impervious surfaces to reduce sediment load into North Lake. Goodwin suggested there were a variety of environmental engineering solutions for this, and when asked by Wolosyn if the project might qualify for LCD cost-share funds Goodwin said that it might, and he could discuss it with the LCD's DATCP Engineer if the project moves forward, though funds probably would not be available until 2023 at the earliest.

Wolosyn accepted comments and questions from the audience:

- Gary Weber (SECOLA) asked if any county staff had discussed the changes with any of the property owners near the landing? And suggested that as they will be impacted, their concerns should be included. Smith responded that he had not.
- Charles Kellstrom (Supervisor) asked if there had been any study of how many boats use the lakes? And what days of the year are problematic? Was concerned that the need for more parking on a limited number of days would not be enough of a return on the cost. Goodwin responded that the only number he has is the data provided by LCD staff through the CBCW program. Smith said Forestry & Parks does not have a way of tracking the number of boats utilizing the landing.
- Joe Buchanan (SECOLA) expressed concern over the cost of the land, the cost of the improvement, and the loss of tax revenue. The Fourth of July is an over-capacity problem, but the prime problem is the current landing needs new parking stripes. Buchanan also raised a UWSP study on carrying capacity of lakes (Klessig, 1994), and the impacts on boater safety and damage to the shoreline.
- Jay Weber stated he volunteers with the CBCW program maintaining the boatwash and is at the landing most days. In his experience the landing is only overcapacity a handful of days. A reconfiguration of the current landing in the existing footprint is a good idea.
- Wolosyn reminded the audience that this discussion was only focused on the Land Conservation perspective of the CBCW program and other concerns of the LCC/LCD. Any other aspects of the proposal need to follow county protocols.
- Wolosyn asked for any further comments, with none he asked what the Committee Members would like to incorporate as this proposal as it moves forward?
- VanPembrook: For Smith to work with was is feasible, and this was the very beginning of the process. Smith replied that with so little land to currently work with the sentiment from the Forestry Committee was that if the County were to ever a thought to make the landing better now is the time to do it as we have a seller next door, and that does not mean that we have to incorporate all aspects of the conceptual drawings.

- Bomberg has heard the proposal to repair the launch. What are those numbers? And what kind of work needs to go into it? Smith replied the concrete planks in the water are failing in large part due to power loading. Replacing the planks would be \$50,000-75,000. The pavement is not in good shape and the parking is an issue due to the current design of the landing. Coleman Engineering worked up a conceptual drawing for the existing footprint and an estimated price of \$350,000 with an anticipated cost to the county of \$75,000 with the balance potentially be from state and federal grants.
- Steber stated that he has launched boat at the landing and knows something needs to be done, and a circular drive is probably the best, but that there were still many options open.
- Smith stated that the conceptual drawings of the landings are a preliminary step to applying for grant funds and not a plan yet. If the funds are received then would be the time to have public participation in the plan for the landing.

On a motion from Bomberg, with support from Steber, to send this back to the Forestry & Parks committee with the understanding that the Land Conservation Department be included in the design plans to ensure best practices on the shoreline. Motion passed unopposed.

- 6. AIS Coordinators Report:** Goodwin reported on the end of field work on the CBCW project, and the continuation of field work on the LMPN project.
- 7. Conservation Technician Report:** In addition to his written report Goodwin reported he had proof of payment from the Town of Florence on the LePage Creek culvert replacement, and would anticipate having the paperwork submitted to DATCP and a cost-share payment to the town to be on the next bill list for the October LCC meeting.
- 8. County Conservationist Summary:** Sleeter reported on LMPN and SWRM grant status, and his attendance at the North Central Land & Water Conservation Association Summer Tour.
- 9. Update: LWRM Plan Status:** Goodwin is assembling the Technical and Citizens Committees. DATCP has allowed to February 1, 2021 to present plan.
- 10. Discussion/Action: Bay-Lake RPC SOS/Contract:** Wolosyn explained there was a MOU in place for the 17 days leading up to the meeting. On a motion from Bomberg with support from Steber to advance to County Board. Motion passed unopposed.
- 11. Discussion/Action: 2022 Budget:** Sleeter reported the budget was similar to 2020. Staff and Administrator are trying to find the funds within the current budget to cover the Bay-Lake RPC SOS Contract. It is expected to know in November how much of the contract can be covered under the current budget. On a motion from Bomberg with

support from VanPembrook to advance the budget to the Audit & Budget Committee.
Motion passed unopposed.

12. Discussion/Action: August Expense Vouchers: On a motion from Steber, with support from Burnette to advance to the Audit & Budget Committee, motion passed unopposed.

13. Future Agenda Items/Upcoming Meetings: VanPembrook reported on the Lumberjack RC&D meeting she was unable to attend. The grant funds are expected to be lower for 2022.

14. Set next meeting date and call for Adjournment Next meeting set for Tuesday October 4, 2021. On a motion to adjourn from Steber, with support from Burnette, motion passed unopposed.

Respectfully submitted,

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