

**DODGE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
127 EAST OAK STREET
JUNEAU, WI 53039
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on September 28, 2015 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Larry Bischoff, Bill Foley and Howard Kriewald. Bill Muche was absent.

Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD); John Bohonek, Conservation Engineering Technician; and Kim Iczkowski, Dodge County USDA-Farm Services Agency (FSA) Interim County Executive Director (CED).

Others Present: Ruth Johnson; Lake Sinissippi Improvement District; and Jim Zahn, Dodge County farmer and landowner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO

EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING: Motion by Kriewald to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of August 19 and August 24, 2015 as sent by mail; seconded by Foley. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: Ruth Johnson reported that she had attended the Dodge County Drainage Board's annual meeting where the board informed landowners that Wisconsin's drainage district law does require a 20 foot wide non-cropped corridor on both sides of a district drainage ditch. Significant discussion followed this statement. Ruth also indicated that Dodge County landowner and farmer Jim Zahn is interested in serving on the task force charged by the committee with creating possible solutions to the issues related to nonpoint source water pollution in Dodge County. Jim Zahn was also present at the meeting, indicating that he believes that water quality has been degraded over the past 10 years, and that he is willing to serve on the nonpoint pollution task force.

AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS: Kim Iczkowski, interim CED at the Dodge County USDA-FSA Field Office, introduced herself, and stressed the need to promote and market the various federal conservation programs available through USDA, such as the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

MANURE STORAGE ORDINANCE PROJECTS STATUS REPORT: John Bohonek presented a status report of recent and ongoing activities under the Dodge County Manure Storage and Nutrient Utilization Ordinance (see attached report).

REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUE: The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW AND REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS: There were no conservation plans presented for consideration by the committee.

OVERVIEW OF CHAPTER 92 (SOIL AND & WATER CONSERVATION AND ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT LAW): Marc Bethke briefly discussed and described the contents of a 3 ½ page summary of Chapter 92 of the Wisconsin statutes. Discussion followed. This summary description of Chapter 92 will likely be reviewed from time to time, as new committees are established, and as other needs for review may arise.

CONSIDER FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM ISSUES: Two voluntary notices of noncompliance were presented for committee consideration for the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP). Motion by Macheel to authorize the Chair to sign voluntary notices of noncompliance for Jeff and Kristine Jaster, Town of Theresa; and for Lawrence and Annette Stebnitz, Town of Elba; seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried. Marc Bethke reported that there are still 10 Farmland Preservation Program participants that have not yet certified conservation compliance for 2015. Final warning letters will be sent out to any of these participants that fail to certify compliance prior to the end of October 2015. Marc also informed the committee that there are approximately 100 FPP landowners that need to prepare a nutrient management plan for the first time for the 2016 cropping season.

LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST-SHARE PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORT: Marc Bethke distributed copies of the September report of cost-share activities under the Land & Water Resource Management Program (see attached report).

COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST MONTHLY REPORT: SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS AND OTHER ISSUES: Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

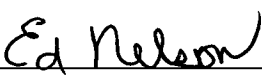
COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Bill Foley reported that the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association has contracted with a consultant to begin implementation activities under their lake management plan. Bill also share information regarding the shoreline protection seminar held on September 19th. A 700 foot section of Beaver Dam lake shoreline is in needed of shoreline protection practices – DNR has agreed to cost share necessary practices at a 50% cost-share rate. Dale Macheel reported that the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held its annual meeting on September 10, 2015. Much of the meeting time was spent discussing various issues related to the lake districts sanitary system. Environmental consultant Neal O'Reilly is also working to assemble a group of graduate students to study buffer effectiveness in the Fox Lake Watershed

CORRESPONDENCE: Marc Bethke distributed information regarding a cover crop field day to be held on October 7th at the David Rinzel Farm, Town of Lomira.

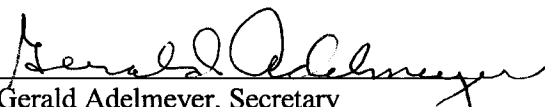
PER DIEMS: Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Kriewald to approve the regular per diems, plus the following: Dale Macheel – Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meeting on September 10, 2015 – per diem and 22 miles.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 2015 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Kriewald to adjourn at 9:50 AM, seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.



Ed Nelson, Chair



Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

(BILLS)

OfficeMax - Office Supplies =	\$	6.66
Joe's Auto Service - Replace Plugs/Wires on 1999 Ford Ranger =	\$	275.06
Three Landowners - Land & Water Cost Share Payments =	\$	8,141.35
Joe's Auto Service - Replace Fuel Injectors on 1999 Ford Ranger =	\$	538.84

TOTAL = \$ 8,961.91

(REVENUE)

DATCP - Land & Water Cost-Share Reimbursements =	\$	8,141.35
One Landowner - Manure Storage Ordinance Permit Fee =	\$	750.00
One Landowner - Manure Storage Ordinance Tech. Assist. Earnest Fee =	\$	1,000.00
Sixteen (16) FPP Program Participants - 2015 Service Fee Payments =	\$	400.00
Farmland Preservation Program - Late Penalty Fee Payments =	\$	225.00

TOTAL = \$ 10,516.35

SEPTEMBER ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCE REPORT

Steve Griswold(Calamus) – Project started.

Kooiker Calves(Fox Lake) – Project started. WPDES.

Bruce Walker(Trenton) – Project started. WPDES.

Andrew Feucht(Herman) – Project will start this week.

Larry Bulwalda(Trenton N) – Project completed.

John Rettler(Lebanon) – Project completed.

Dale Christian(Lomira) – Project completed except for transfer connections. WPDES.

Andy Schraufnagel(Leroy) – Project complete.

Bob Condon(Oak Grove) – Project complete.

Leroy Gygax(Lomira) – Project complete.

Mike Davey(Ashippun) – working on design for 6 month storage for satellite farm.

Dustin Brunn(Trenton S) – design complete for storage.

LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM REPORT

August 25, 2015 - September 28, 2015

Cost Share Agreements Signed

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Committed to Agreements)</u>
Total		

Cost Share Payments to Landowners

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Expended)</u>
Dale Macheel	Critical Area Stabilization	\$1,307.25
Peter Bonack	Diversion & Grass Waterway	\$6,649.30
Nehls Bros. Farms LTD	Well Decommissioning	\$184.80
Total		\$8,141.35

SEPTEMBER 2015 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Worked with Traci Guse to prepare and mail out Farmland Preservation Program 2nd notice / reminder post cards regarding 2015 conservation compliance certification – started receiving and recording late certification reports
- Reviewed development plans and prepared report to Land Resources and Parks Department regarding Vanderloop Equipment development project in Town of Trenton
- Discussed Livestock Siting Law (ATCP 51) issues with staff from Land Resources and Parks Department and Dodge County Corporation Counsel's office
- Provided an update to the Dodge County Executive Committee on September 8, 2015 regarding issues related to the request for a county-wide conservation buffer ordinance
- Prepared and signed CREP agreement for Drummy Family Trust, Town of Chester
- Worked with Tara Bast from Johnson Block and Company Inc. to carry out single audit of the 2014 Soil & Water Resource Management Grant – Ms. Bast verbally reported positive findings regarding our grant management and documentation activities