

**The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 8:15 A.M., in the First Floor Conference Rooms, Rooms 1F & 1G, Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:15 a.m.

Members present: Allen Behl, Larry Bischoff, William Foley, Naomi Kriewald, Dale Macheel and James Qualmann.

Member(s) absent: Lisa Derr

Others present: Other staff and non-committee members included County Conservationist John Bohonek, Kathy Turner NRCS, and LWCD Administrative Secretary Becky Justmann.

No public comment.

Elections of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Land and Water Conservation Committee.

- Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by James Qualmann to nominate Larry Bischoff as Chairman. No other nominations. Motion by Dale Macheel to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bischoff for Chairman and seconded by Allen Behl. Motion carried.
- Motion by Dale Macheel to nominate Allen Behl as Vice Chairman. No other nominations. Motion by James Qualmann to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Behl for Vice Chairman and seconded by William Foley. Motion carried.
- Motion by Allen Behl to nominate Lisa Derr as Secretary. No other nominations. Motion by Allen Behl to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Derr for Secretary and seconded by James Qualmann. Motion carried.

Appointment of Southern Area Representative and Alternate.

- Motion by James Qualmann to appoint Lisa Derr as Southern Area Representative. Motion by Allen Behl to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to appoint Lisa Derr as Southern Area Representative and seconded by Dale Macheel.
- Motion by Allen Behl to appoint Dale Macheel as Southern Area Representative Alternate. Seconded by James Qualmann.

Appoint Lake Sinissippi Representative

- Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by Dale Macheel to appoint Naomi Kriewald as the Lake Sinissippi Representative.

Set Meeting Date, Place and Time.

- Motion by Dale Macheel and seconded by Allen Behl to continue with meetings being held the fourth Monday of the month at 8:15 a.m. Motion carried.

### Options for Distribution of Agenda and Packet

- Distribution will continue as it is with the addition of read request on those who receive by email.

No public comment

Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by Dale Macheel to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

### Other Agency Monthly Updates

- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) - Kathy Turner
  - Tony Johnson has taken a job with UW Extension. Not sure when hiring will take place.
  - They are currently working. Office is closed to the public. Limited staff in the building at one time. Working via email, phone and mail.
  - Working on the new year roll out of contracting and mapping tools.
- Farm Service Agency
  - No representative in attendance.

### Bills and Revenue

- Bills and revenue were reviewed by John Bohonek.
- Discussion regarding MDV money. John explained what it is and how the money will be used. Currently have two sites picked out for projects.

### Farmland Preservation Updates

- Certification forms are coming in.
- Software is up and running with no issues.

### Discuss 2020 Budget and Preliminary Thoughts for 2021 Budget

- John reviewed the budget with the LWCC.
- Mr. Mielke has asked the Department Heads to look through their budgets and see what they can cut from it or put off for a year.
- No summer intern will be hired which will cut \$4000 from the budget. The intern position is a 50/50 position with the Farmer Led Group.

### Well Testing Program

- Contract has been received and was sent up to Corp Council for review. Corp Council has requested a few changes and the contract has been sent back to UW Stevens Point. They have received it and are reviewing it. Have not heard back from them, John will follow up.
- Well testing may be put off to later in the year.

### Update on Animal Waste Ordinance Violations

- Clyman – contacted the LWCD this spring. They are working with a private engineer and having the structure evaluated. John sent them the evaluation from the 1<sup>st</sup> engineer.
- Fox Lake - John met with the owner and feels satisfied with the plans the engineer wants to do. Owner will contact the LWCD when they want to begin use. Motion by William Foley and seconded by Dale Macheel to accept the engineers recommendations so a permit can be issued. Motion carried.
- Hog Farm – John has been contacted by their engineer with solutions and that they felt confident with the existing structure. John has some concerns with the floor of the structure and checked the current standards and feels we can no longer say it is not acceptable. The engineer was going to send a letter but LWCD has not yet received it.

### LWR Cost Share Projects

- Cost share projects were reviewed by John Bohonek.
- \$20,534.50 still available for 2020.

### Tree Sale Update

- 19,700 tree were sold to 186 customers.
- We did not receive the 1400 Tamarack trees that were ordered from the nursery. Customers that had ordered the tamarack trees will be reimbursed.
- Net gain from the sale for 2020 was \$4,717.23.
- The pickup and the processing procedures of the orders were changed this year. Everything went well.

### Committee Member Reports

- Lake Sinissippi District
  - No report
- Beaver Dam Lake – William Foley
  - Beaver Dam Lake District has been approved by the County Board. It is currently being appealed due to questioning of the 51% calculation for signatures. Currently on hold till goes to court.
  - Beaver Dam and Fox Lake had a joint meeting sharing information and knowledge with each other. They will be meeting with John B/LWCD to discuss 9 key elements plans.
  - Currently 40 of the 52 buoys have been put on the Lake.
  - Bill shared with the committee that he had planted cover crop in part of his garden and was very happy with the results.
- Fox Lake – Dale Macheel
  - The current Manager/Coordinator has resigned. Held a zoom meeting in April to go over applicants. Tracy Zemlo has been chosen for the position. The position title is being changed to Executive Director.

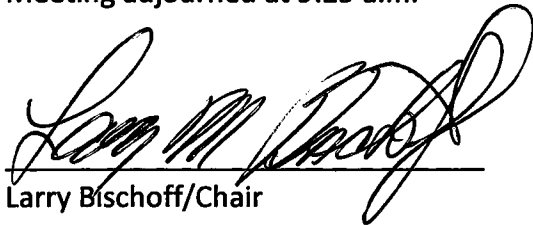
- Water lily problem continues. A committee has been formed to meet before next meeting to come up with recommendations.
- Still continuing to find things in pump and trying to figure out a way to solve problem.
- There was a lateral break in the system. A public notification was in the newspaper.
- There was an incident with homeowner that involved someone in the public. Police officer will accompany employees to the home when necessary to go.
- Annual meeting is scheduled to go ahead. Zoom option will be offered.
- Homeowner requested to be disconnected for the waste water system. Home was torn down.

Motion by James Qualmann and seconded by Allen Behl to approve the Per Diems. Motion carried.

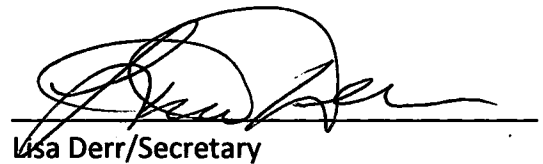
Next meeting will be held June 22, 2020 at 8:15 a.m.

Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by James Qualmann to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.



Larry Bischoff/Chair



Lisa Derr/Secretary