

**DODGE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
127 EAST OAK STREET
JUNEAU, WI 53039
January 26, 2015**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on January 26, 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, Howard Kriewald, Larry Bischoff, and Bill Foley (Bill Mucche excused).

Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; John Bohonek, Dodge County LCD Engineering Technician; Jim Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; Mike Burg, USDA-APHIS.

Others Present: Greg Farnham, Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Commissioner; Karen Tomko, Bob Bergman.

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 December 22, 2014 as sent by mail; seconded by Foley. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: Greg Farnham shared his concerns with the oversight of expanding concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO's) in Dodge County, and regarding the need to contact state legislators to urge action on the liquid manure resolution adopted by the Dodge County Board on October 21, 2014. Greg also shared concerns over a legislative bill that could limit means by which the public can help identify and notify authorities of those causing water quality discharges. Greg also shared copies of a news article regarding pending legal action by water officials in the City of Des Moines, Iowa against county drainage officials and farmers in watersheds draining to the Raccoon and Des Moines Rivers for high nitrate concentrations in river water. Karen Tomko introduced herself as a concerned citizen from the Town of Burnett interested in learning about what the Land Conservation Committee does to protect soil and water resources.

AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS: There were no agency advisor reports.

REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES: 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.

MANURE STORAGE ORDINANCE ISSUES: John Bohonek presented a status report of recent and ongoing activities under the Dodge County Manure Storage and Nutrient Utilization Ordinance (see attached report). The committee considered whether to make changes to the refundable and non-refundable permit fees under the ordinance. Motion by Nelson to leave all permit fees for 2015 at the levels they were in 2014; seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF 2014 WILDLIFE CROP DAMAGE CLAIMS – (USDA-APHIS Staff): Mike Burg presented the 2014 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) claims for committee consideration. Five landowners are eligible to receive a total of \$8,687.52 in crop damage claim payments under the 2014 WDACP Program. Motion by Kriewald to approve and sign the 2014 Dodge County WDACP claims as presented; seconded by Macheel. Motion carried.

LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM – MONTHLY REPORT: Marc Bethke distributed copies of the monthly Land & Water Resource Management cost-share report (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).

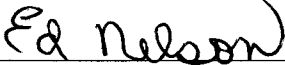
COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Bill Foley distributed copies of the recent Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association newsletter. The lake association is working with City of Beaver Dam officials on correcting a shoreline erosion problem on the lake within the city limits. Bill also shared water testing results from his well using the "First Alert" water testing kit, and suggested it may be an alternative for private well water testing. Dale Macheel reported on the January 8, 2015 meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake District. Dale shared information from letters sent to the lake district from the district's attorney and environmental consultant regarding CAFO expansions in the Fox Lake Watershed. Jim Mielke reported on the January 13, 2015 meeting of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District. The district is currently updating its mission statement. They are planning to make some improvements to a couple boat launches on the lake. The district is also partnering with the lake association on helping some lakeshore property owners complete small shoreline improvement projects.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence for distribution at this meeting.

PER DIEMS: Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Kriewald to approve the regular per diems, in addition to the following:
Dale Macheel – Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meeting on January 8, 2015 – per diem and 22 miles.
Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 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 10:00 AM; seconded by Adelmeyer. 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)

Robert Bird - Nov./Dec. 2014 Expenses =	\$ 235.00
Joe's Auto Service - Oil Change to 2001 Chevy S-10 =	\$ 27.00
Land and Water Cost Share Payments to Two Landowners =	\$ 3,353.00
Office Max - Office Supplies =	\$ 5.00
Leroy Meats of Horicon - 1 st Venison Donation Deer Processing Bill =	\$ 220.00
Cream City Scale - Repair & Calibrate Two Portable Spreader Scales =	\$ 954.09
Southern Area Association - 2015 Membership Dues =	\$ 125.00
Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association 2015 Membership Dues =	\$ 1,622.13
TOTAL =	\$ 6,541.22

(REVENUE)

DATCP - Reimbursement for Four Land & Water Cost Share Projects =	\$ 5,870.87
UWEX - Expense Reimbursement for 2014 Farmer Nutrient Management Training Program =	\$ 853.00
85 Small Packet Tree Orders =	\$ 7,131.75
Nehls Brothers Farm - CREP Early Withdrawal Penalty Payment =	\$ 136.96
TOTAL =	\$ 13,992.58

JANUARY ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCE REPORT

Ryan Kittel(Burnett) – Working on project

Steve Griswold(Calamus) – Design on Engineer's desk.

Kooiker Calves(Fox Lake) – wants storage. WPDES.

Bruce Walker(Trenton) - wants storage. WPDES.

Andrew Feucht(Herman) – Working on temp. storage design

Larry Bulwalda(Trenton N) – private Engineer

Harry King(Lomira) – Working on storage abandonment design.

John Rettler(Lebanon) – Building freestall barn.

Dale Christian(Lomira) – Wants to add on to existing storage. Private Engineer. WPDES.

LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM REPORT

(December 23, 2014 to January 26, 2015)

Cost Share Agreements Signed

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Committed to Agreements)</u>
None Signed This Month		

Cost Share Payments to Landowners

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Expended)</u>
Larry & Diane Slager	Critical Area Stabilization	\$1,890.00
Green Hills, LLC	Critical Area Stabilization	\$1,463.00
Total		\$3,353.00

JANUARY 2015 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Began to work on 2014 Annual Report to Dodge County Board
- Taking many calls regarding questions over Farmland Preservation conservation compliance and tax credit eligibility
- Sent out reminder letters to manure storage ordinance permittees and to land & water cost share recipients that are required to annually update their nutrient management plans
- Completed performance evaluation for Jon Duckert, prepared performance evaluation for Dave Braunschweig
- Reviewed air photos for Towns of Beaver Dam and Westford to identify prospective projects and future contacts for soil erosion control and water quality protection work.
- Began to prepare Farmland Preservation Program Certificates of Compliance for program participants that have achieved full compliance with all soil and water conservation performance standards – started working on the Town of Burnett
- Continue to sell small packets of trees – will continue to sell evergreen trees through February – all unsold deciduous trees and shrubs will be reclaimed by the nursery at the end of January – total sales to date are approaching 15,000 trees and shrubs.