

GRANT COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

October 5, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Ag Services Building
Lancaster, Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vince Loeffelholz at 9:00 a.m. Present in addition to Chairman Vince Loeffelholz were, Donald Splinter, Lester Jantzen, Steve Adrian, Mark Stead, Marvin Kettler, and Grant Loy arrived at 9:37. Others present were, Bob Middendorf, Greg Cerven, John Patcle, Brian Pillsbury, Lynda Schweikert, and Annette Lolwing.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Don Splinter that the Committee was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Adrian, seconded by Grant Loy to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the Agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Bills: Annette Lolwing

Motion by Marvin Kettler, seconded by Grant Loy to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Animal Waste Ordinance Violation: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda mentioned that Amos Beiler was spot checked for FPP and was found to have a 30'x 24'x 8'deep = 5760 ft³ manure storage facility that was built in 2003, without a permit. Lynda had sent Mr. Beiler a letter inviting him to this meeting. He did not respond back. He is in violation of the construction of a manure storage facility that exceeds 3,500 ft³ not obtaining a permit, not having a NMP, and not obtaining a civil engineer to certify the facility. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Marvin Kettler that Amos Beiler is in violation of the manure storage ordinance and that Lynda should send a certified letter listing all the violations to Amos with a deadline date of October 29, 2010 for him to respond back to Lynda with his intentions and a deadline date of July 1, 2011 to bring the storage facility in to compliance. The penalties in the ordinance are not less than \$25.00 per/day and not more than \$500.00 per day from the day it was located. Motion carried.

Wildlife Damage 2011 Budget: Greg Cerven

Greg reported that we need to approve the budget for the 2011 Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program. Budget will be the same as it was in 2010, \$16,300.00. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Marvin Kettler to approve the WDACP 2011 budget. Motion carried.

Wildlife Damage Budget Amendment: Greg Cerven

Greg reported that there will be a \$400.00 increase to its 2010 administrative budget, resulting in an increase from \$1,200.00 to \$1,600.00, also an increase of \$21,100.00 for the venison processing for the food pantries for a total increase of \$23,500.00. This will increase the 2010 budget from \$16,300.00 to \$39,800.00. The 2010 maximum cost to process venison for Wisconsin Deer Donation is \$55.00 per deer. Motion by Steve Adrian, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the amendment of the 2010 WDACP budget. Motion carried.

Greg Cerven also mentioned that the farmers are having some issues of getting their 80% deer damage quota met as a result of things greening up sooner and the deer have become more nocturnal. Farmers are using their logbooks.

Greg mentioned that the crop harvesting is going very fast this year and we need to monitor when 80% of the harvest is complete.

County Board Chairman Report: John Patcle

John reported that they are still working with the unions and the 2011 budgets. There will be a full county board meeting, tonight, October 5, 2010.

County Cost Sharing: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda reported that Gary Kirschbaum, East Cassville Twp., applied for \$3,500.00 county cost sharing for a grade stabilization structure at the September meeting. Gary's application was postponed from the September meeting until the December meeting because of the lack of funds. He has chosen to remove his application. He has installed the grade stabilization structure on his own.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Bernard Keller, Liberty Twp., \$385.00. Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Marvin Kettler to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Ronald McKelvey, South Lancaster Twp., \$500.00. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on rye cover crop for Crubel-Drew LLC., Patch Grove Twp., \$564.38. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Steve Adrian to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on rye cover crop for Steve Adrian, Glen Haven Twp., \$430.50. Motion by Marvin Kettler, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, Steve Adrian abstained. Motion carried.

Lynda reported that Mark Hudson's dam project was tentatively approved for \$3,500.00 DATCP cost sharing. Mark's dam project came in under the cost estimate at \$2,716.18. This leaves \$783.82 of unallocated funds in the 2010 DATCP cost sharing account. Donald Brandt, Jamestown Twp., has a DATCP contract for tentative approval of \$590.00, and \$3,500.00 for county cost sharing for 2 dam projects. Lynda proposed to utilize the \$783.82 of unallocated DATCP funds to amend Donald's DATCP contract to increase his cost sharing to \$1,373.82, and reduce the county cost sharing to \$1,944.21. DATCP cost sharing account will now have a \$0.00 balance, and the county cost sharing will increase by \$1,555.79, which is a carryover account. Lynda reported that Donald's dam projects are now completed with a total amount of cost sharing, \$3,318.03. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Steve Adrian to approve Donald Brandt's payment and to amend Donald's DATCP contract. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing for a grade stabilization structure for Wayne Junk, East Cassville Twp., \$984.51. Motion by Steve Adrian, seconded by Grant Loy to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing for a grade stabilization structure for Dennis Zlabek, South Potosi Twp., \$3,370.00. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing for a rip rap project for Dan Mulrooney, Fennimore Twp., \$3,500.00. Motion by Steve Adrian, seconded by Marvin Kettler to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a grassed waterway project for Alan Neises, Patch Grove Twp., \$750.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Steve Adrian to approve Alan's request. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a grassed waterway repair project for Chris Romine, Fennimore Twp., \$600.00. Motion by Grant Loy seconded by Don Splinter to approve Chris's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval requests for county cost sharing on 2 well decommissioning projects for Francis Miesen, Paris Twp., \$500.00 and Merrill Weittenhiller, Clifton Twp., \$500.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Mark Stead to approve both well decommissioning requests. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval requests for DATCP cost sharing on 2 nutrient management plans for Gary Klein, Hickory Grove, Twp., \$2,562.00 for the remaining 91.5 acres, and for Vince Loeffelholz, Paris Twp., \$2,739.00. Motion by Marvin Kettler, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve both requests. Vince Loeffelholz abstains. Motion carried.

2011 Budget: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda wanted to clarify some questions regarding carryover accounts that were taken to Nancy Scott after the September meeting. Lynda provided a handout and reviewed all the carryover accounts with their amounts and the reasoning why they are set up that way.

Lynda also provided a handout that Nancy Scott requested for our 2011 LWCD budget with narratives that will be taken to the county board. Lynda provided an overview of the major funding sources, budget assumptions, issues and challenges and any other significant changes that may be brought forward.

At 10:30 there was a motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Don Splinter to break for the NRCS, EQIP local work group meeting. Motion carried.

At 11:11 a.m., a motion was made by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Grant Loy to reconvene to the LWCC monthly meeting. Motion carried.

2011 Joint Final SWRM Allocation Plan: Lynda Schweikert

The state has sent us their 2011 final allocation plan with \$107,869 for staff and support, a \$20,000 increase to \$60,943 cost sharing for structures, and will be receiving \$3,500.00 for NMP's.

NMFE Grant: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda mentioned that we were approved for the UWEX Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant Program. We will be receiving \$12,000, with \$10,000 that will be utilized for incentive payments for the participants of the program, and \$2,000 will be utilized for administration and supplies for the NMFE training. Currently there are 11 in the class. Lynda is the coordinator of the NMFE classes.

Standards Oversight Council: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda reported that the oversight council is requesting \$350 for our annual county contribution. This amount is in our budget. The standard oversight council is made up of: DATCP, DNR, NRCS, and Counties that get together to review and develop the standards and specifications of practices that are installed. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Marvin Kettler to pay the dues. Motion carried.

Southern Area Association: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda reported that the Fall Southern Area Association meeting will be on October 28, 2010 at the Cross Plains State Bank in Mount Horeb. Grant Loy, Vince Loeffelholz, Don Splinter, Lynda Schweikert and Annette Lolwing plan to attend.

WLWCA LWCB Rep Election: Vince Loeffelholz

Vince Loeffelholz asked if anyone would be interested in becoming a representative. They usually meet 6 times a year in Madison and receive a \$25.00 per diem from DATCP. No interest.

WLWCA Conference: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda reported that the WLWCA conference will be held at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells on December 9 & 10. Vince Loeffelholz, Don Splinter, Mark Stead, Lester Jantzen, Grant Loy and Lynda Schweikert plan to attend the conference. Lynda asked if anyone had any ideas for a raffle prize and silent auction items to take and raise money for the youth and education program.

Voting Proxy Form: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda reported that we do not need to complete the proxy form since the chairman; Vince Loeffelholz will be attending the WLWCA Conference.

Training Request: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda reported that she was going to attend a training session in Dubuque Iowa on Excel. Lynda read the reviews on the internet and came up with a very poor review. She withdrew her request.

2010 Amendment to CREP: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda reported that for the CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program), DATCP originally allocated \$40,000,000 to the counties for CREP with a goal of enrolling 100,000 acres. The Pace (Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement) program is new segment within the working lands initiative to permanently set aside agriculture land. DATCP is taking \$12,000,000 from the state CREP fund to fund the PACE program which will decrease the counties CREP allocation. We have expended 36%, \$659,000, of the \$1.8 million that DATCP allocated to us. DATCP wanted to see the counties expend their 40% of the original allocation amount by now. That means that Grant County will have a decrease of 4%, \$82,903, was taken from Grant County.

FPP Report: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda reported that they have 40 % spot checked for this year.

Lynda reported that EQIP cost sharing for NMP does not need to have a CNMP.

Lynda reported that she has 1 cancellation of notice of noncompliance. Dave Cauffman has met the requirements for FPP.

Lynda reported that there are 11 people signed up for the farmer written NMP classes.

Lynda reported that the Southwest Wisconsin Land Judging contest will be this Thursday, October 7th. This will be the first time to use computerized scantron sheets.

NRCS Report: Brian Pillsbury

Brian reported that they are finishing up on the program payments.

Brian reported that they will be having a big workload analysis coming up the next 2 weeks. This is where they come up with time frames to see how long it takes to accomplish the projects. Karyl Fritsche will be down to help work on the workload analysis project.

Brian did mention that there was a new DC hired. Melissa Bartz , Ridgeway, will be starting January 17, 2011. Brian will be acting until October 30th.

Brian reported that they will be busy doing 67 out of 69 CRP plans. There will not be any EQIP ranking period until January/ February of 2011. They won't approve the national budget until after the elections. NRCS will probably be running under a continuing resolution until the end of the year.

FSA Report: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda reported that the TIP program has approved 6 applications. This is a program that if you are a beginning farmer, you can convert CRP to cropland in the last year of the CRP contract and the landowner will receive 2 additional years of CRP annual rental payments after the expiration date of the CRP contract.

Lynda reported that there were 67 out of 69 CRP approved contracts. They will be making their annual rental payments by the middle of the month. Approximately 48% of the CRP contracts are renewals.

Lynda reported that Jared and his wife had a baby girl, Claire Genevieve.

Call for Agenda Items for Next Months Meeting

Next month schedule closed session for performance appraisal.

Poster Contest: Annette Lolwing

Annette presented the posters that were to be judged for 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place in the 5 different categories. The 1st Place posters will be taken on to the Area contest at the Southern Area Association Fall Meeting on October 28th.

Other Business

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Steve Adrian to adjourn until November 2, 2010. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by
Annette Lolwing for Grant Loy

