

GRANT COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

December 7, 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. Others present were, Tammy Enz, John Patcle, Marlene Sorenson, Kevin Lange, Jared Reuter, Lynda Schweikert, and Annette Lolwing. Joyce Roling, Personnel Director attended the closed session.

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Lester Jantzen that the Committee was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Marvin Kettler to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Corrections to Agenda:

Motion by Steve Adrian, seconded by Mark Stead to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Bills: Annette Lolwing

Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Friends of the Platte River: Tammy Enz, Executive Director

Tammy Enz gave an introduction of the Friends of the Platte River. Tammy is looking to work more with other conservation groups, community groups, and put together a master plan of what the organization would like to do in the watershed. Tammy is looking to have some representatives from local groups to attend their annual meeting in March to see if there would be an opportunity to partner with them on any projects. Some of the projects that the Friends of the Platte River were involved with are: the canoe launch in Ellenboro, will be working on and have been involved with is a Platte River water trail, the dredging of the Banfield boat landing, and the removal of several log jams. The project that they are working on now is the aquatic invasive species called the Japanese Hops. The Japanese Hops is found in the Grant and the Platte Rivers. Students from the UW Platteville are assisting with the designs of some of the projects.

County Board Chairman Report: John Patcle

John reported that the 2011 budget is passed. Still do not have the 3rd floor utilized yet. Still working on union negotiations.

County Cost Sharing Requests: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda presented a revised copy of the November cost sharing to reflect the actual approval of the projects. Will be starting December cost sharing with the actual amount of \$438.52.

Lynda reported on the cancellations/change order for cost sharing. Robert Page, Muscoda Twp., grassed waterway, \$2,450.00, had an extension until December. He has not contacted our office, so he is a cancellation. Alan Lumley, Jamestown Twp., grade stabilization structure, \$3,500.00. Alan turned back his \$3,500.00 county cost share money as his project was later approved for EQIP cost sharing. Hampton

Farm Partnership, Glen Haven Twp., had a cost estimate of \$17,000.00 on a rip rap site. They were approved for \$3,500.00 county cost share and \$7,000.00 DATCP cost sharing. The project came in at a lower cost so they are turning back \$3,500.00 county cost sharing. James Murray, Beetown Twp., had applied for \$3,500.00 county cost sharing and \$4,593.00 DATCP cost sharing. James Murray has decided to cancel his rip rap project, too costly. James Murray will be turning back the county and DATCP cost sharing funds. Doug will only need \$2,447.53 out of his approved \$3,500.00 county cost sharing. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter made a motion for the cancellations and changes that Lynda had recommended. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Jeanette Clark, Mt. Hope Twp., \$232.77. 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 a well decommissioning for Robert Achenbach, Beetown Twp., \$305.89. Motion by Marvin Kettler, 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 a well decommissioning for Rodney Labarge, Ellenboro Twp., \$460.64. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Mark Stead 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 Francis Miesen, Paris Twp., \$500.00. Motion by Don Splinter, 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 on a well decommissioning for Doug Scott, Bloomington Twp., \$184.34. Motion by Steve Adrain, 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 a well decommissioning for Jeff Udelhofen, Platteville Twp., \$358.18. Motion by Mark Stead, 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 manure storage facility for Steve Adrian, Glen Haven Twp., \$3,500.00 and \$7,000.00 DATCP cost sharing for a total of \$10,500.00. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Steve Adrain Abstained. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a grade stabilization structure for Steve Roling, Paris Twp., \$3,500.00 and \$6,728.88 DATCP cost sharing for a total of \$10,228.88. Motion by Don Splinter, 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 on a grade stabilization structure for Alan Jentz, Ellenboro Twp., \$1,133.70. Motion by Mark Stead, 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 waterway repairs for Chris Romine, Fennimore Twp., \$351.75. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissionings for Francis Miesen, Paris Twp., \$495.00; Linda Kerkel, Jamestown Twp., \$318.75; Matt Vogt, West Beetown Twp., \$210.00; Steve Hoffland, Wingville Twp., \$187.50; and Julie Jenkins, Lima Twp., \$500.00. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Marvin Kettler to approve the 5 well decommissioning requests. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a manure storage closure for Strye LLC, Glen Haven Twp., \$1,400.00. Motion by Steve Adrian, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the Strye request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing for 2 manure storage closures for Rick Bausch, West Glen Haven Twp., \$1,050.00. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Grant Loy to approve Rick's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for the last 2009 DATCP cost sharing request on a grade stabilization structure for Alan Lumley, Jamestown Twp., \$2,179.00. Motion by Steve Adrian, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented the cancellations or change orders for DATCP funds. James Murray, Beetown Twp., \$4,593.00 is a cancellation of his rip rap project. Hampton Farm Partnership, Glen Haven, Twp., was approved for \$7,000.00 and is now requesting \$4,711.65. Steve Roling, Paris Twp., was approved for \$4,900.00 which was then increased to \$6,728.88 for a grade stabilization structure. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Marvin Kettler to approve the cancellation or change orders for DATCP cost sharing. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for DATCP cost sharing on a rip rap site for Hampton Farm Partnership, Glen Haven Twp., \$4,711.65. Motion by Steve Adrian, seconded by Don Splinter to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for DATCP cost sharing on a grade stabilization structure for Doug Schauff, Cassville Twp., \$5,052.47. Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Steve Adrian to approve Doug's request. Motion carried.

2010 SWRM Extension Request: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda is asking DATCP for \$27,252.47 as an extension in DATCP cost sharing plus an additional \$2,739.00 for NMP for a total of \$29,991.47 as a carryover. Motion by Steve Adrian, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the Extension Request for DATCP. Motion carried.

Lynda asked for permission to make payment on any DATCP extension project that comes in before the end of the year. She also requested that if changes need to be made on the approved extension form, that she can go ahead and make those changes with the signature of the approval from the County Board Chairman. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Marvin Kettler to approve Lynda's request. Motion carried.

Animal Waste Ordinance Closure: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda presented an animal waste closure permit on a concrete structure for LeRoy Strye. It is estimated to cost \$3,000.00, with a \$3.00 permit fee which is paid. Lynda approved the permit on November 18, 2010. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Steve Adrian to concurrence with Lynda's permit approval. Motion carried.

Lynda presented an animal waste closure permit for 2 concrete structures for Rick Bausch. It is estimated to cost \$2,000.00, with a \$2.00 permit fee which is paid, and Lynda approved the permit on November 8,

2010. Motion by Marvin Kettler, seconded by Steve Adrian to concurrence with Lynda's permit approval. Motion carried.

Equipment Purchase Request: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda is requesting to purchase a It is 55#s of fine grade terra sorb (tree gel) for the tree sale costing of \$345.00, a soil probe with a step for soil testing, cost is \$112.00 (it is an Oakfield which is made in WI), and a distance measuring wheel – rolatape for \$169.95. The total at Forestry Supply is \$626.95. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Steve Adrian to approve the purchase of the supplies. Motion carried.

WLWCA Election: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda brought forth the WLWCA election ballot for the conservation board. Ballots need to be handed in at the time of arrival at the WLWCA conference. Need to vote for 3 people on the list. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to vote for the 3 incumbants; David Hammer, Lafayette County; Patrick Laughrin, Calumet County; and Tom Rudolph, Oneida County. Motion carried.

WLWCA Resolution Review: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda mentioned that there is going to be 4 resolutions to be voted on at the WLWCA Conference

- Elimination of potential for Asian Carp to Spread throughout the Great Lakes and Surrounding Watersheds.
- Supporting Deer Management and Retention to Nine Day Deer Hunting Season.
- Supporting Legislation to Require Comprehensive Well Water Testing Prior to the Real Estate Transfers.
- Reducing/Limiting the number of WLWCA attendees to the NACD National Conference.

Any other donations to be taken to the WLWCA Conference? None to report. We have 3 Tractors; 1 donated from Sloans, and 2 from the Ag. and Extension Committee. Those that plan to attend are: Mark Stead, Lester Jantzen, Don Splinter, Vince Loeffelholz, Grant Loy and Lynda Schweikert. Conference is on December 8, 9, and 10th in Wisconsin Dells.

WALCE: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda reported on the upcoming WALCE (Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees) Conference for the employees. Annette and Kevin have asked for permission to attend. The conference package is \$155.00/employee, room costs are \$70.00 per room x 2 rooms x 2 nights = \$280.00. It is in the budget. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Steve Adrian to approve the attendance at the WALCE Convention. Motion carried.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

Kevin reported that he has a Notice of NonCompliance issued to Samuel Hutchinson, Hickory Grove Twp. He failed to permit a reasonable inspection under s.91.82 (1) (c) 1., Wisconsin Statutes.

Kevin reported that he has been working on some CREP sites, and have been working with the CRP Contracts that LWCD has with the contribution agreement through NRCS.

Kevin reported that he and Annette have been putting together the 2011 tree order form for the 2011 Tree Sale. Had a few changes from the 2010 tree order forms. Last year we offered the Shagbark Hickory Trees, this year the IAWISIL Nursery did not have an adequate supply so we went with the Pecan trees. In 2010 we also had the American Chestnuts and the hazelnut from IAWISIL and this year they were not able to supply us with just 1 size. We went with a different nursery, Engel Nursery, out of Michigan. We ordered: Hazelnuts, Lilacs, and Red Maples from Engel's Nursery. We will still be getting all the conifers from Laura's Lane Nursery out of Plainfield WI. All the other trees we will be getting from IAWISIL in Cascade Iowa.

Poster Contest: Annette Lolwing

Annette reported that we had 2 individuals place at the state level. Eric Breuer, grades 2-3 placed 2nd at state and Taylor Pickel in the 10-12, placed 3rd grade.

NRCS Report: Marlene Sorenson, Acting DC

Marlene reported that she is still working on CSP. The CSP contracts from 2006 and 2008 are up for review every year. If they wish to have their payment in 2010 they will need to have their review done prior to December 13th. If they wish to have their payment in 2011 they will need to have their review done by January 20th as NRCS wants to have everyone paid by February 1, 2011.

Marlene reported that she is also working on the new CRP contracts, and also the contracts that were re-enrolled. Sign up for the 39 sign up. NRCS has 22 CRP contracts to write, and the County has 45 CRP contracts to write. Wendy Fiala, is a Soil Conservationist that has been transferred over here from Iowa County and is helping with the CSP reviews, and the CRP contracts. CRP contracts need to be completed by December 31st.

Marlene reported that NRCS still has the EQIP sign up and the WHIP sign up still going on. The last day to bring in your paperwork for the 2011 ranking is January 14, 2011. We have 90 EQIP applications at this point. There were 40 EQIP applications that rolled over from 2010, and there are 50 new sign ups.

FSA Report: Jared Reuter

Jared reported that they will be having a county committee election on December 8, 2010, with Dave Knoke serving 9 years. The nominees are: John Reding, Charles Raisbeck, and Angela Bausch. Ballots will be counted on December 8, 2010 at 10:30. It is an open counting session. The winner will serve a 3 year term beginning January 1, 2011.

Jared reported on the CRP. They are starting to get their CRP contracts and Conservation Plans from the sign up last August. They are talking about a possible sign up in 2011. They have started working on getting the seeding cost, site prep costs, and tree numbers for cost sharing. FSA is hoping to have these numbers put together by January 2011.

Jared reported that producers can now sign up for the 2011 DCP ACRE program and receive an advance payment right away. DCP applicants must be signed up by June 1. There are only a couple of days left to sign up for the CAP program for soybeans. FSA has around 250 plus applicants for the CAP program for soybeans so far. We are 1 of the 4 lucky counties that get to implement that sign up. Need to certify to a 5% production loss or quality loss, which includes moisture in crop season 2009. Harvesting at 15.6 or higher out of the field would be a quality loss. The 2009 disaster program will be coming out in late January. The 2008 is completed.

Closed Session

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to go into closed session pursuant to s. 19.85 (1) (c) WI statutes, for the purpose of employee evaluation and personnel matters. Roll Call was taken. All 7 committee members were present. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead to return to open session.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to adjourn until January 4, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted by
Annette Lolwing for Grant Loy