

# **GRANT COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 3, 2012

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 the Chairman were, Steve Adrian, Mark Stead, Grant Loy, Lester Jantzen, Marvin Kettler and Don Splinter. Others present were, Melissa Bartz, Lynda Schweikert, Kevin Lange, and Annette Lolwing. John Patcle arrived at 9:25 am.

## **Certification of Open Meeting Law: Annette Lolwing**

Annette Lolwing posted the agenda at the Ag Service Center and was sent to WGLR radio. Media notices and agendas were sent to Karla Schwantes to post in the Administration Building and Courthouse. Media notices were sent to the Herald Independent, Tri County Press, and Platteville Journal.

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Don Splinter to approve the December 6, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the Agenda with the change of moving the closed session to the time that Joyce Roling and John Patcle are in attendance. Motion carried.

## **Bills: Annette Lolwing**

Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Grant Loy to approve the December bills. Motion carried.

## **County and SWRM Cost Sharing Approval: Lynda Schweikert**

Lynda reported that she has 1 extension request for John Shea, Lima Twp., a manure storage facility, \$3,500.00. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Marvin Kettler to approve the extension to March 1, 2012. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$223.50 on a well decommissioning project for Norbert & Agnes Fritz, North Potosi Twp. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Vince Loeffelholz Abstained. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning project for Mark Drew, Mt. Hope Twp., \$500.00. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Marvin Kettler to approve Mark's request. Motion carried.

Lynda reported that the county cost share carryover from 2011 is \$41,290.32 which is still available to be allocated. Take the \$41,290.32 plus the \$34,220.00 that is budgeted for 2012; is \$75,510.32 to allocate for county cost sharing in 2012. The \$32,617.40 DATCP cost sharing is extended into 2012. The \$60,931.00 is what is tentatively approved for 2012 DATCP cost sharing. Will not allocate the DATCP cost share money until there is an agreement in hand with the LWCD and the DATCP.

**Tree Planter Agreement: Lynda Schweikert**

Lynda reported that she has developed her 2<sup>nd</sup> DRAFT of the Grant County LWCD Lease Agreement for the Lawther Split Axle Tree Planter, and Magnetic Towing Head and Tail Lights. Lease agreement was sent to Todd Infield for review. He had some suggestions which Lynda has already made the changes. Lynda read through the DRAFT agreement with the committee. Todd Infield will be contacted to have his input of wording that the LWCD is not charging the DNR a fee; DNR will be charging the fees. The lease term will be on an annual basis and no fee required. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve whatever the necessary wording is that there would be no charge required. Motion carried.

**Land and Water Conservation Department Report: Lynda Schweikert**

Lynda reported that they got the 2012 Green Dodge truck last Thursday. Randy is in the process of moving his supplies and license plates from his Ford Ranger over to his new truck.

Lynda reported that the Nutrient Management Farmer Education Training continues tomorrow. January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> they will be working on snap plus at the UW Platteville campus. There are 9 students attending and hope to have 9 Nutrient Management Plans completed by the end of the day on Thursday.

Lynda reported that Don, Vince, Grant, Mark and herself attended the WLWCA Conference that was held on December 8-9, 2011, at the Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells. All the resolutions passed. The WLWCA side of the WALCE/WLWCA merger passed. The John Deere 1/16 scale grain drill brought \$20.00, the 1/16 scale Allis Chalmers "G" Tractor with Plow brought in \$26.00, and the 1/16 scale Oliver Tractor brought in \$24.00; totaling \$70.00 for the WLWCA Youth & Education Fund.

Lynda thanked the committee for their support on the resolution with the Grant County Board of Supervisors and conservation funding issues. Lynda sent it to the Governor, Senator, and Representative. Lynda also called the Senator and Representative and did not get in contact with them, only got to speak with one of their support staff. Lynda informed them to support our DATCP lapse suggestion. Senator Schultz is one of the key players in this.

**FPP Report: Kevin Lange**

Kevin reported that he has 9 Notices of NonCompliance resulting from not receiving a Nutrient Management Plan by the end of 2011. Those individuals include: Carolyn White, Mt Hope Twp.; Wayne and Jacqueline Dieter, Platteville Twp.; Gregory and Marjorie Adkins, Mt. Ida Twp.; Steve and Dale Harris, Hickory Grove Twp.; Gerald and Ruth Colson, Hickory Grove Twp.; John and Joann Wiederholt, Fennimore and Jamestown Twps.; Micheal and Nancy Porter, Fennimore Twp.; Larry and Diane Alderson, Mt Ida and Fennimore Twps.; and David J. and Peggy Cauffman, Mt Ida Twp. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Marvin Kettler to accept the NonCompliance Notices. Motion carried.

Kevin reported that he has been working on CREP contracts. Has had 1 signed and approved the 1<sup>st</sup> of December and he is working on a couple of other ones.

Kevin reported that he has been working on updating conservation plans for those individuals that will be attending the Farmer Written Nutrient Management Plan classes.

Kevin mentioned that we are getting some tree orders in. Deadline is February 17, 2012.

**NRCS Report: Melissa Bartz**

Melissa reported that she has also has been working on updating conservation plans.

- CSP (Conservation Stewardship Plan) sign up is going on until January 13, 2012.
- Has been making CSP payments. Has been meeting with landowners and has 6 out of 52 participants that she still needs to meet with.
- Melissa and Marlene will be helping Lynda and Kevin with the NMP class the next 2 days.
- Melissa mentioned that she will be sending out reminder letters to people that have NMP's that need to be completed.
- The EQIP sign up deadline is February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Technicians have been busy doing the site visits for EQIP. The EQIP cookbook came out with all the payment rates. Rip Rap took a hit on the payment rates.
- Randy and our Area Engineer, Lexie Straka, have been doing some farm walkovers for manure storage for 4-5 people.
- Mike Long is our current work study student from UW Platteville, he will be ending his job with NRCS and will be leaving at the end of the month. Melissa is working on getting another engineering student as a replacement.

**FSA Report: Jared Reuter**

Jared Reuter was not in attendance, but he provided a written report to share with the committee.

**County Board Chairman Report: John Patcle**

John Patcle arrived at 9:30 am. He reported that he had a telephone conference call with Andy Phillips regarding the WPDA.

**Closed Session**

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Steve Adrian to go into closed session pursuant to s. 19.85 (1) (c) WI statutes, for the purpose of employee evaluation. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Grant Loy to reconvene in open session for the purpose of taking up remaining agenda items. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Steve Adrian to adjourn until February 7, 2012. Before vote was taken, Steve Adrian brought up discussion of the Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program crop prices. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Annette Lolwing for Grant Loy