

GRANT COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

April 6, 2010
9:00 a.m.
Ag Services Building
Lancaster, Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Landon at 9:00 a.m. Present in addition to Chairman Paul Landon were, Donald Splinter, William Biefer, Steve Adrian, Vince Loeffelholz, David Klar, Marvin Kettler, and Dwight Nelson. Others present were, Karyl Fritsche, Patti Jackson-Kelly, Lynda Schweikert, John Patcle, Kevin Lange, and Annette Lolwing.

Motion by William Biefer, seconded by Steve Adrian that the Committee was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Motion carried.

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Marvin Kettler to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2010 meeting with the corrected spelling of Stohlmann to Stoneman. Motion carried.

Motion by Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Don Splinter to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Bills: Annette Lolwing

Motion by Steve Adrian, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz to approve the bills. Motion carried.

County Board Chairman: John Patcle

John reported that they will be waiting for the results of the county board election to see who is reelected tonight, April 6th.

John reported that the Park Committee received bids on the boat landing at Wyalusing. There were 10 bids and 6 of them came in below the amount of money that is allocated for the project. Thursday evening, April 8th at 4:30 they will make their decision of what contractor to go with.

John reported that April 20th the new board members will be sworn in. They will have 3 days after the first meeting to select the committee members. The committees will be finalized on Monday, April 26th. Each committee member will be on at least 6 committees.

County Cost Sharing: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda reported that Mike Mooney, Liberty Twp., \$500.00, is requesting an extension until July 1, 2010 for his crossing repair project. Motion by William Biefer, seconded by Dwight Nelson to grant Mike's request. Motion carried.

Lynda reported that Andy Buttles, South Lancaster Twp., is requesting to cancel his \$3,500.00 county cost sharing for his waste storage facility. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Steve Adrian to approve his cancellation. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning project for Leonard & Luella Vosberg, Clifton Twp., \$183.57. Motion by Steve Adrian, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve payment. Roll Call: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a streambank protection project for John Patcle, Waterloo Twp., \$2,111.13. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz to approve payment. Roll Call: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

NRCS Report: Karyl Fritsche

Karyl requested to jump ahead to the NRCS report on the agenda while Patti Jackson Kelly is available.

Karyl reported that NRCS has obligated to Grant County producers, \$600,000 worth of EQIP money for FY 2011. The Organic sign up has ended but the money has not been allocated. Also have a trout unlimited CCPI EQIP sign up, and WHIP sign up still going on.

Patti Jackson Kelly reported that they have advertised the Grant County's District Conservationist's position again. The current panel has been rejected as a result of lack of applicants. They will be readvertising the District Conservationists' position for another month. NRCS has now attached a \$10,000 relocation bonus to the application. The applicant must be at least 50 miles away. Patti mentioned that Karyl will be working 3 days a week instead of 2. Lynda will be a part of the interview process. The chairman could be part of the interview process; but would like to keep the interview panel to around 5 people.

County Cost Sharing Continued:

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a streambank protection project for Kathryn Ragatz, Beetown Twp., \$3,500.00. Motion by Steve Adrian, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz to approve payment. Roll Call: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a streambank protection repair project for Kathryn Ragatz, Beetown Twp., \$2,850.00. Motion by William Biefer, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve payment. Roll Call: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda handed out a sheet with 25 landowners that have signed up for County and DATCP cost sharing, the amount of cost sharing requested, and the priority status of the projects. Lynda reported that she will be starting with \$57,813.66 in County cost sharing, and \$36,376.00 in SWRM cost sharing. A powerpoint presentation of all 25 applicants and there intended projects were presented.

A motion was made by William Biefer, seconded by Dwight Nelson to decrease the maximum SWRM cost sharing down from \$7,500.00 to \$7,000.00. Motion carried. Steve Adrian abstained.

A motion was made by Steve Adrian, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz to postpone Francis Droysler if he agrees to withdraw his application for County and SWRM cost sharing in 2010, he will be given 1st priority for funding in 2011. Motion carried.

A motion was made by William Biefer, seconded by Dwight Nelson to postpone Majestic View's grade stabilization structure by sending it back to the County Farm Committee for further discussion. County cost sharing will be available for the well decommissioning project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Don Splinter, seconded by David Klar to approve all high priority projects down to and including the H-6 level. Motion carried. Steve Adrian abstained.

A motion was made by Steve Adrian, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz to approve SWRM funding for the H-8 priority rip rap projects that have been surveyed, designed, and have applied for permits. Quentin Hurtz and Hampton Farms. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Adrian, seconded by Marvin Kettler to approve Bev Loy, Dan Mulrooney, and Chris Neises for County cost sharing. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Adrian, seconded by Dwight Nelson to postpone the remaining H-8 priority, rip rap practices until the May meeting pending notification of prorating the SWRM funds. Motion carried.

A motion was made by William Biefer, seconded by Marvin Kettler to postpone H-9 priority until the May meeting. Motion carried.

A motion made by William Biefer, seconded by Marvin Kettler to deny the low priorities due to the lack of funding. Motion carried.

LWCC Member at Large Discussion: Paul Landon

Lynda put together a DRAFT letter for guidance to the committee of committees for an at large member for the LWCC. John Patcle recommended that at large members are not a good idea. No action was taken.

Working Lands Initiative: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda discussed the informational meeting that was held on Wednesday, March 10, from 2-4 and again from 6-8 o'clock. There were 120 landowners at the first session and 30 landowners attended the second meeting. Very well attended meeting.

2011 Joint DATCP/DNR Grant Application: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda reported that she is asking for 100% for 1st position, 70% for second position and 50% for 3rd position paid, coming to \$193,581.00 for staff and support; \$100,000.00 in structural practice cost sharing; and \$174,655.00 in Nutrient Management cost sharing. Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by William Biefer for Lynda to submit the grant application for DATCP funding. Motion carried.

Carryover Accounts: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda discussed with Nancy Scott regarding the accounts that the LWCC request the following 2009 carryover accounts be included in this year's (2010) carryover resolution. Lynda presented a letter with a list of 9 carryover accounts, their amounts, and the reasoning for the carryover accounts. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Steve Adrian to approve the carryover account letter to the County Board. Motion carried.

Training Report: Lynda Schweikert

Lynda gave the training report.

- WALCE – 2 employees attended, 3 days, 2 nights (\$280), \$310 registration, lunch and dinner paid by meal reimbursement, 190 miles round trip with County vehicle to LaCrosse, WI.
- Technical Update – 1 employee attended, 6 hours, 100 miles round trip using County vehicle to Richland Center, WI, no registration, lunch was reimbursed.
- Forestry Training – 1 employee attended, 9 hours of comp time earned, \$40.00 registration, no meal.
- County Civil Rights Training – 3.5 hours, Lancaster, no registration, no meals.
- Resource Refresher Training – 6 hours, 100 miles round trip to Richland Center using County vehicle, no registration, lunch paid by meal reimbursement.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

Kevin reported that he has a Cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements: Jonas Miller, Liberty Twp. Kevin also reported that he has 2 Voluntary Notice of Nonparticipation or Notice of Noncompliance with the Land and Water Conservation Requirements for John & Mary Ellen Brown, Fennimore Twp., and Dean Withrow, Lima Twp. Motion by Don Splinter, second by Vince Loeffelholz to approve the 1 Cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance and 2 Notice of Noncompliance. Motion carried.

Kevin reported that there has been lots of activity out in the field with contour buffer strips, contour strips, and contour lines.

Kevin reported that he has been busy with sodbusting plans and updating conservation plans.

Kevin reported that the tree pick up will be from 8:30 to 3:00 on April 23, 2010. Will be going to Plainfield to pickup the conifers on April 21st and to IAWISIL Nursery in Cascade IA, on the 22nd for the hardwoods.

FSA Report: Jared Reuter

No report given.

Call for Agenda Items for Next Months Meeting

Other Business

Motion by Don Splinter, seconded by Dwight Nelson to adjourn until May 4, 2010. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by
Annette Lolwing for Dwight Nelson