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**CALUMET COUNTY  
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 11, 2018  
THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED**

**1. Meeting Announcement and Posting**

The meeting was properly announced and posted. Chair Gentz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Hofberger, Gentz, Laughrin, LaShay, Stillmann,

Committee Members Excused: Shiplett

Staff Members Present for All or Part of the Meeting; Reali, Faust, Santry

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Stillmann and second by LaShay to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2017 Committee Meeting**

Motion by LaShay and second by Hofberger to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2017 Land and Water Conservation Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)**

None

**7. Committee Members Reports of Official Meetings Attended in the Last Month**

Hofberger updated committee members on the interview process for the new Ag Agent.

Laughrin reported on a newspaper article regarding the Use Value Assessment for Agricultural Land.

**8. Agency and Association Reports**

- **NRCS Report; If in attendance**

None

- **FSA Report; If in attendance**

None

**9. Communications**

- **DATCP Report; January, 2018**

Reali reported two Targeted Runoff Grants have been approved. He also reported about the Livestock Siting Facility Review Board who heard an appeal against Walworth County that raised similar issues to the recent case in Shawano County.

- **Farmland Preservation Program Survey**  
Reali reported that Planning and Zoning Staff is currently updating the Farmland Preservation Plan. Staff worked in conjunction with UW River Falls to put together this survey. The survey was mailed to Calumet County Farmers. So far the response rate to the survey has been very good.
- **Letter re: SB 640 re: Stormwater Management Restrictions; SWRPC**  
A letter from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission was sent to three local senators opposing the stormwater management limitations being proposed for municipalities in SB 640. Discussion followed. Motion by Hofberger and second by Laughrin to have staff draft a letter in opposition to the stormwater management provisions in Senate Bill 640 and send the letter to committee, sponsors of the bill and Wisconsin Counties Association. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **Conservation Cooperator of the Year Award**  
Reali distributed a handout giving a narrative about the projects Lewis Krueger and Kevin Smith have implemented as part of the Plum/Kankapot TMDL project. Motion by Laughrin and second by Stillmann to approve Lewis Krueger and Kevin Smith as Conservation Cooperator of the Year. Motion carried unanimously.
- **NR 151 Targeted Performance Standards Update/Letter of Support**  
A letter of support drafted by Reali and Gentz was shared with the committee. The letter to the DNR is supporting the draft language presented in NR151 Targeted Performance Standards for Silurian Bedrock Areas. Discussion followed. Motion by LaShay and second by Hofberger to send this letter of support to the DNR. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 11. Report of Department

- **Winnebago Waterways Update**  
Santry reported the steering committee is looking for three At-Large members to be on the committee. An application and position description were included in the committee members' packets.

#### 12. Upcoming Events

- **Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association; January 26<sup>th</sup>; Oshkosh**  
Reali, Gentz, Laughrin, Hofberger and Stillmann are planning to attend. Motion by LaShay and second by Stillmann to approve expenses for those members attending. Motion carried unanimously.
- **WI Land & Water Annual Conference; March 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>; Lake Geneva**  
The registration form for the conference was included in the committee members' packets. The deadline for registration is February 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Stillmann and second by LaShay to approve expenses for those committee members who wish to attend. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 13. Next Meeting Date

- **February 8, 2018; 9:00 a.m.**  
The next meeting will be held on February 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

#### 14. Adjourn

Motion by LaShay and second by Hofberger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Rose Faust, Recording Secretary