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**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 8, 2018
THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN 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,
Committee Members Excused: Stillmann, Shiplett
Staff Members Present for All or Part of the Meeting; Reali, Faust
Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Tom Schneider-FSA; Brian Maedke-USDA-APHIS; Jeff Yelton

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2018 Committee Meeting

Motion by Hofberger and second by LaShay to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2018 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

Laughrin reported on the legislative meeting he recently attended in Madison.
Hofberger asked to be excused for the March committee meeting as he will be out of town.

8. Agency and Association Reports

• **NRCS Report; If in attendance**

None

• **FSA Report; If in attendance**

Tom Schneider, County Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency reported that one of his employees spent a month in Puerto Rico working on projects. The department

is also working on the 2018 General Program enrollment and involving more people to enroll in the CRP program. Schneider also updated the committee on Amy Shiplett's role as a member of the Farm Service Agency Committee and liaison to the Land and Water Committee. Shiplett wants to be a member of both committees but due to her schedule, the Land and Water Committee Thursday meetings are not conducive. Discussion followed. Beginning with April's Land and Water Committee Meeting, the committee will meet the first Wednesday of the month and start time will be at 10 a.m.

9. Communications

- **DATCP Report; February, 2018**
Report reviewed and discussed.
- **DNR Board approves measure to limit manure pollution in Eastern Wisconsin to protect groundwater; Milwaukee Journal Sentinel; January 24th**
Article reviewed and discussed.
- **WI Land & Water Applauds Unanimous Adoption of NR151 Revisions by the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board; Press Release; January 24th**
Article reviewed and discussed.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **USDA/APHIS; Brian Maedke; Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program**
 - **2017 WDACP Claim Review for Approval/Denial**
Maedke distributed a handout indicating the claims for 2017. There was only one claim and the staff at Wildlife Services are unable to approve this claim, as the individual did not utilize the hunting log properly and is not meeting the permit quote. Discussion followed. Motion by LaShay and second by Laughrin to deny this claim. Motion carried unanimously. Maedke will be sending a letter to the client explaining the denial.
 - **2017 Deer Donation Update**
Maedke reported he did not have this report available. This item will be put on March's agenda.

11. Report of Department

- **Update on Senate Bill 640 regarding Stormwater**
Reali reported that this bill has been amended to remove the language in regard to local municipalities being required to follow uniform state standards. Therefore a letter of opposition would be unnecessary.
- **Kloten Well Contamination 2018**
Reali reported that staff received a phone call from a resident in the Kloten area that their water was cloudy. Staff drove out to the area to see if any manure had been recently spread. Water samples were taken and test came back e-coli positive. Staff has been working closely with the DNR, County Health Department and local farmers in the area to determine the cause of this matter. Discussion followed. Reali will report to the committee at next month's meeting as staff continues to work on the issue.

12. Upcoming Events

- **2018 Calumet County Mardi-Gras Rural Urban Banquet; February 13th; Brillion**
Reali will be attending this event. If any committee members are interested in attending, let Reali know by Friday, February 9.
- **Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance Annual Conference; March 6-7; Green Bay**

Staff members Santry and Jalonen will be attending this conference.

- **WI Land & Water Annual Conference; March 14-16; Lake Geneva**
LaShay, Gentz and Laughrin are attending this conference along with all Land and Water Conservation employees.

13. Next Meeting Date

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

14. Adjourn

Motion by LaShay and second by Laughrin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Rose Faust, Recording Secretary