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**CALUMET COUNTY  
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MARCH 8, 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: Gentz, Laughrin, LaShay, Stillmann

Committee Members Excused: Hofberger & Shiplett

Staff Members Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Reali, Faust, Jalonen

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Brian Maedke-USDA-APHIS; Joe Smedberg, NRCS; Randy Koehler & Randy Koehler, Jr.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Stillman and second by LaShay to approve the agenda with the amendment to move Item 10, Items for Action or Discussion to before Item #6. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2018 Committee Meeting**

Motion by LaShay and second by Laughrin to approve the minutes from the February 8, 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**

None

**8. Agency and Association Reports**

• **NRCS Report**

Joe Smedberg updated the committee about the CREP program. A new mapping website was put into place to assist landowners in identifying areas that may be eligible for CREP enrollment and a news article about the CREP program was put in the Land and Water Conservation Newsletter. Smedberg reported he has received interest from 8 landowners.

- **FSA Report**  
None in attendance

## 9. Communications

- **DATCP Report; March, 2018**  
Report reviewed and discussed.
- **3.7 million gallons of sewage leaked into Wisconsin River due to plugged pipe; Haley BeMiller; USA today Network – Wisconsin; January 30**  
Article reviewed and discussed.
- **Tidal Wave of sewage reveals disconnect between press, farmers; Wisconsin State Farmer; Bill Eberle; January 31**  
Article reviewed and discussed.

## 10. Items for Action or Discussion (Moved to before Item #6 Public Participation)

- **USDA/APHIS; Brian Maedke; Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program**
  - **Randy Koehler; Review and appeal of claim denial**  
Mr. Koehler explained that there are issues with the neighbor along with rule changes by the DNR, which the Koehler's were not aware of. Maedke concurred with the Koehlers about the ongoing neighbor situation. Discussion followed. Motion by Stillman and second by LaShay to amend the denial from last month's meeting and approve Koehler's claim. Motion carried unanimously. The Koehler's left at 9:25 a.m.
  - **Deer Donation Update**  
Maedke reported that 10 deer were donated and 285 pounds of venison was donated to the Salvation Army.
  - **Approval of participation in Turkey Donation Program**  
A memo along with the participation agreement was included in the committee packets. Since that time, Reali reported that information was received from USDA-APHIS explaining that Hickory Hills does not process turkey. Discussion followed. Motion by LaShay and second by Stillman to participate in the Turkey Donation Program contingent upon finding a processor. Motion passed 3-1 with Laughrin voting nay.
- **Calumet County MS4 Stormwater Program Annual Report**  
Jalonen briefed the committee on the annual report including educational and outreach activities as well as regional activities with NEWSC.

## 11. Report of Department

- **Erosion Control & Stormwater Specialist Update**  
Jalonen briefed the committee on the Stormwater Management Plan status and streambank restoration projects currently being constructed.
- **Update on Kloten Well Contamination 2018**  
Reali reported there was another brown water event at the end of February. Interviews with all farmers in that area have been completed. Staff will be meeting with DNR to discuss an approach to working with farmers during spring fieldwork.
- **Winnebago Waterways Update**  
Reali reported Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance applied and received all four grants. One of

the grants will be used to hire a limited term employee. The steering team added three at large members to their group. They will be attending their first meeting on March 9.

- **Manitowoc River TMDL Update**

Reali reported on a meeting he attended with the Manitowoc River Basin TMDL group. The state has allocated some funds to assist with this project and others along the lakeshore. LNRP has also received a grant to aid with watershed planning. Reali indicated that some of those funds will be used to start watershed planning in the North Branch Manitowoc River watershed.

## **12. Upcoming Events**

- **WI Land & Water Annual Conference; March 14-16; Lake Geneva**

All Land and Water Staff will be attending this conference along with Committee Members Gentz, Laughrin and Stillman.

- **2018 County Conservation/DATCP Update Meeting; April 17; Oshkosh**

Three employees from the Land and Water Conservation Department will be attending this meeting. This meeting conflicts with the April County Board meeting.

## **13. Next Meeting Date**

- **April 11, 2018; 10:00 a.m.**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 10 a.m.

## **14. Adjourn**

Motion by Stillman and second by LaShay to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Rose Faust, Recording Secretary