

CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
July 12, 2018
THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

The meeting was properly announced and posted. Hofberger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Committee Members Excused: Shiplett

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

Others Present: Joe Smedberg, NRCS: Tom Schneider & Vicky Mueller, FSA: Amber O'Brien, UW Extension Ag Educator

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes from June 6, 2018 Committee Meeting

Motion by LaShay and second by Hartl to approve the minutes from the June 6 2018 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 a conversation he had with Corporation Counsel regarding inspection of wells at time of sale.

8. Agency and Association Reports

• **NRCS Report; If in attendance**

Smedberg informed the committee of an NRCS Local Workgroup Meeting to be held on August 16 at the courthouse.

• **FSA Report; If in attendance**

Schneider reported \$630,000 was paid out to dairy farmers who are in compliance with the Dairy Program. This program assists dairy producers that are experiencing the drop in milk production. Schneider also reported they are working with NRCS and the LWCD on the CREP program. Vicky Mueller, Program Technician handed out a flyer for the 2018 Farm Service Agency County Committee Elections.

• **UW Extension; If in attendance**

O'Brien reported her and Kleiber are working on a procedure for manure spill response and prevention. In addition a workshop is planned for early December to discuss spill response as well as other manure spreading items.



9. Communications

- **DATCP Report; July, 2018**

Reali reported that the SWRM Grants have been received. The rest of the report was reviewed and discussed.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **Food, Land & Water Report – Groundwater Water Quality Workgroup**

- **Workgroup Recommendations**

Reali reviewed three of the objectives from the Groundwater Quality Workgroup. The objectives include ways to expand groundwater monitoring; meeting the current state nutrient management standards and reduction of nitrates in groundwater. There was input and discussion between staff and committee. No action taken. The rest of the objectives will be discussed at August's meeting.

- **Calumet County 2018 Group Well Testing Results**

Reali reviewed the well data with committee members. A total of 188 samples were collected by residents. All samples were tested for coliform and bacteria and a percentage of samples were tested for metals and pesticides. The report included an explanation of what happens when a well test positive for bacteria or when nitrates exceed 10 mg/L. Other information provided in the report were tables providing countywide private well data, private well test results in karst areas and a map of water quality in karst areas. Discussion followed. No action taken.

11. Report of Department

- **Winnebago Waterways Update**

The May and June monthly project reports were reviewed. The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for July 13 in Oshkosh.

12. Upcoming Events

- **County Conservationists Meeting; July 19-20; Wisconsin Rapids**

Hofberger, Laughrin and Reali are registered to attend this meeting.

- **Lake Michigan Day; August 10; Manitowoc**

This event is being held at the Maritime Museum in Manitowoc. The event recognizes people, programs, businesses and community groups who help protect and restore Wisconsin's Lake Michigan Basin.

- **NRCS Local Workgroup Meeting; August 16; 1-3 pm; Courthouse Room 015**

This meeting is being hosted by the Natural Resource Conservation Service. One of the main topics to be discussed will be the EQIP program. The meeting is open to the public.

A motion was made by Gentz and second by LaShay to approve per diem for committee members who wish to attend the August 10 and August 16 events listed above. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Next Meeting Date

- **August 1, 2018**

The next meeting will be held August 1, 2018 at 1 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Rose Faust, Recording Secretary