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**CALUMET COUNTY
PLANNING, ZONING, LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 3, 2014 MEETING MINUTES
THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED**

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

Chairperson Prescott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present: Prescott, Mayer, Laughrin, Stillman, Ruhland, Hofberger & Kleckner

County Staff present for all or a portion of the meeting: Reali, Giebel & Kingery.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approved Agenda

Motion by Stillman, seconded by Laughrin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2014 Committee Meeting

Motion by Kleckner, seconded by Ruhland to approve the minutes. During discussion Hofberger indicated that Glacierland RC & D would still be maintaining a mailing address in Wisconsin and this would need to be changed in the minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved with noted change.

6. Public Participation (if Honored by Committee Chair)

There were no members of the public present therefore there was not public participation.

7. Communications

FSA-Lynn Clausung

Lynn reported that she would be leaving the agency in January. Calumet and Manitowoc offices will be combined and will share one director. The combining of Manitowoc and Calumet will be dependent on the combining of Sheboygan, Washington and Ozaukee offices. Presently Calumet is combined with the Sheboygan office. A new Program Technician will be hired with the job opening announcement coming soon. Lynn reported that there would be a DCP signup in January and distributed a fact sheet to the committee regarding the new Margin Protection Program for Dairy.

Glacierland RC & D – Mike Hofberger

Glacierland has now contracted with Renewable Resources Institute, LLC to handle the organization's administration. Glacierland will now have more full time staff due to the contract. Mike asked that a Glacierland update be on the agenda for future meetings.

Discussed were:

- DATCP Report, August 2014
- DATCP – Towns with Certified Farmland Preservation Ordinances – A notice sent to Towns regarding Farmland Preservation Tax Credits. Towns cannot zone for farmland preservation inside the county shoreland district.
- Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine – Land and Water Conservation articles, one written by Dani Santry from Calumet County.
- Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism – Even ‘good farming’ a threat to karst landscapes – Article regarding water quality concerns in landscapes that receive land spread manure and have karst features. Laughrin commented he would be attending a hearing in Kewaunee County regarding a karst ordinance that Kewaunee County is considering.
- Wisconsin State Farmer – Local EQIP group seeks balance
- Wisconsin State Farmer – Glyphosate in urine, breast milk
- Wisconsin Land Use Megatrends - Water

8. Agency and Association Reports (If Present, the Agency Report May be Moved to the Communication Section of the Agenda) – Reports were given during the Communications portion of the agenda

9. Department Report

- **Budget 2015**

Reali reported that the budget was completed and had been submitted to Finance. Reali reported that there may be a need to have POWTS Tracking software in the budget for 2015 due to the AS-400 system being replaced. The software would be a rather large item in the budget but further talk with IS and Finance need to take place. Overall Tax Levy support for the department stayed close to the same with \$667,344 in 2014 and \$673,319 in the proposed budget for 2015. This is less than a 1% increase.

- **Brian Giebel – Code Administrator**

Brian discussed the current POWTS fee schedule with the committee and felt that there may need to be some updates made to the fees due to residential vs. commercial projects. Also some discussion was had regarding exempting County departments from portions of the fees. Committee asked that Giebel research what other counties in areas do and provide numbers on residential vs. commercial POWTS projects.

- **Ben Kingery; Conservation Project Technician Update**

Kingery reported on projects that he is currently providing technical assistance on. This included projects that are in the process of being constructed or designed as well as potential projects for the future. Committee asked how projects get prioritized which is done more or less on a first come first serve basis. Committee commented that there were a large amount of projects. Kingery also reported to the committee that we have issued 19 new erosion control and stormwater permits in 2014 and 27 erosion control and stormwater permits still active from 2013. 94 total inspections have been completed in 2014 with 59 passing and 35 failed inspections.

10. Upcoming Events (Possible Action to Approve Registration and Per Diems)

- **September 12; Wisconsin Conservation Observance Day; Eau Claire County**
No committee members indicated that they planned on attending
- **September 17; Upper Fox River and Wolf River Basin TMDL Stakeholder Meeting**

Reali indicated that three staff members would be attending

11. Discuss Next Meeting

- **October 8, 2014**

After some discussion it was decided to move the next meeting date to October 8 at 9:00 am rather than the original date of October 1 due to Administrative Services Committee meetings October 1 & 2 to discuss the 2015 budget.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Ruhland, seconded by Kleckner, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Anthony Reali, Recording Secretary