

**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
September 5, 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, Shiplett
Staff Members Present for All or Part of the Meeting; Reali, Faust
Others Present: Joe Smedberg, NRCS

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes from August 1, 2018 Committee Meeting

Motion by Hartl and second by Laughrin to approve the minutes from the August 1, 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

LaShay reported on a newsletter he receives and how serious the flooding issues have been.

Hartl reported on the NRCS Local Work Group meeting and the Forage Council Summer Field Days she recently attended.

8. Agency and Association Reports

• **NRCS Report**

Smedberg updated the committee on the EQIP Program and reported on the NRCS Local Workgroup meeting that was held in August.

• **FSA Report**

None



- **UW Extension**
None

9. Communications

- **Tri County News: Calumet Groundwater Press Release; August 16, 2018**
Reali shared the article that was published in the Tri County News. The title of the article was changed and some of the information was omitted from the press release that was sent.
- **DATCP Report; August 2018**
Reali reported the spreadsheets for Vegetated Treatment Areas are available for viewing on the NRCS website.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **Chapter 18, Division 2 – Runoff Management Update**
Reali explained how this chapter relates to the targeted karst areas and how the standards have been adopted in the ordinance automatically. Pathogen contamination is the main target of the standards. Discussion followed. Committee suggested staff write a letter to DNR and DATCP highlighting the need for guidance from DATCP and DNR on implementation.
- **Cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance with Farmland Preservation Program Tax Credit Requirements; Albert Geiger – Action Needed**
Reali gave a brief explanation about the cancellation of noncompliance. Due to submittal of a Nutrient Management Plan Geiger is now in compliance. Motion by Gentz and second by Hartl to approve the cancellation of notice of noncompliance with FPP Tax Credit requirements for Mr. Geiger. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Land & Water Conservation Department 2019 Budget**
Reali reviewed the budget with the committee. The budget remained similar to last year's request. There is one request of note under the Office Furnishings and Equipment line item. Staff is requesting a second GPS unit due to increased staff usage. Discussion followed.
- **2012-2019 Land & Water Resource Management Plan Goals and Objectives Discussion**
Reali explained what the Land and Water Resource Management Plan includes. He explained how the goals and objectives are incorporated into the annual workplan. The three goals in the plan are improve and protect ground and surface water quality; improve and protect soil quality, and improve and protect habitat quality.
 - **2018 Annual Workplan**
Discussed the prioritization of this plan and how the State is involved.

11. Report of Department

- **Groundwater Education Update**
Mark Borchardt, Microbiologist with the USDA Ag Research Service is tentatively scheduled to come and speak early next year about groundwater. This will take place prior to the groundwater testing event.
- **Winnebago Waterways Update**
Projects that took place in the past month include an aquatic vegetation point intercept survey, an emergent plant survey, and the Clean Water Makes Better Beer event.

12. Upcoming Events/Past Events

- **LWLWCA; September 28; Ledge View Nature Center**

Reali informed the committee the start time for this meeting is at 8:45. Members will then take a tour at Chilton Dairy for an hour and return to Ledge View Nature Center for a presentation on Calumet County's Groundwater Program. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. The cost will be \$20. Motion made by LaShay and second by Laughrin to approve per diem for committee members who will be attending this event. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Next Meeting Date

- **Wednesday, October 3, 1:00 pm**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 3rd at 1 p.m.

- **Suggested Agenda Items?**

Hofberger asked committee members if they have any specific items they would like to put on next month's agenda. One request was to have Dani Santry at next month's meeting to speak on Groundwater. If any other agenda items are requested, please contact Hofberger and/or Reali.

14. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rose Faust, Recording Secretary