

**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 6, 2021
THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED**

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

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

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Hofberger, Hartl, Kesler, Gentz, Handschke entered the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Committee Members Excused: Shiplett

Staff Members Present for All or Part of the Meeting; Reali, Santry

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes from October 7, 2020 Committee Meeting

Motion by Hartl and second by Kesler to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2020 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

Hartl reported on recent WCA Virtual meetings that she had attended in regard to Livestock Siting, PFAS and Climate Informed Plans incorporated into Land and Water Plans.

Hofberger reported on the recent Land and Water Conservation Board Meeting he attended and discussed trying to get the word out more in regard to each County's Land and Water Plan.

8. Agency and Association Reports

• **Glacierland RC & D**

Hofberger reported that a grant funded position has been filled in the NRCS office on Chilton.

• **NRCS Report; If in attendance**

Reali reported that NRCS has lost two engineering staff that had serviced the Calumet County Field office.

• **FSA Report; If in attendance**

None

• **UW Extension; If in attendance**



None

9. Communications

- **DATCP Report; November, December 2020, January 2021**
Reali highlighted some of the recent topics that were listed in the November, December and January Reports.
- **WI Land & Water Dues Statement**
Reali discussed with the Committee the dues statement that is received each year from WI Land & Water. The dues statement gives a brief overview of the Association's accomplishments over the previous year.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **Kewaunee County Resolutions Requesting State Senate Convene in Extraordinary Session to Address 13 "Water Bills" Passed by Wisconsin State Assembly**
Reali gave a brief overview of the bills and the background on how they were created as part of the Speakers Task Force on Water Quality. Discussion followed. Hartl will be drafting a letter to Calumet County's representatives in the Assembly and Senate in regard to the bills that Calumet County would like to be prioritized. Reali will send Hartl information on the bills and recommendations to assist with drafting the letter. The letter will be drafted and brought to the February Committee meeting for approval.
- **Discussion on Resolution Process**
Reali gave an overview of how Resolutions are processed at the County level as well as through WI Land & Water and WCA.
- **2020 Groundwater Report**
Santry gave an overview of the report highlighting 2020 well testing results as well as how results have changed over the years of the program. Santry also discussed nitrate and bacteria trends over the years which shows a slow decline in unsafe wells. Discussion followed.
- **Winnebago Waterways 9KE Watershed Plan**
Santry gave an overview of the plan documents highlighting the nutrient load reductions that are needed for each watershed as well as the priority watersheds for implementation. Discussion followed.

11. Report of Department

- **Staff Reports**
Reali reviewed each staff member's report with the committee and gave an overview of other activities the Department will be taking on in early 2021.
- **Grants Update**
Reali gave an update on grant allocations to the Department for 2021. New funding sources for projects include a 3 year Large Scale Targeted Runoff Management Grant received for DNR for \$171,960, a new Producer Led Watershed Protection Grant for \$6,250 and a grant amendment for approximately \$128,150 for extending the Between the Lakes Demonstration Farm Network Project to the end of 2024.

12. Upcoming Events/Past Events

- **Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association Meeting; Virtual; January 22**
- **WI Land & Water Annual Conference; Virtual; March 2 – 5**
Motion by Hartl and seconded by Gentz to approve expenses for attendance at both events. Motion carried unanimously.
- **WI Land & Water Conference Silent Auction**

13. Next Meeting Date

- **February 3, 2021; 1:00 pm**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Anthony Reali, Recording Secretary