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**CALUMET COUNTY
PLANNING, ZONING, LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
March 5, 2014 MEETING MINUTES
THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED**

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

Vice Chairman Prescott called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present: Prescott, Laughrin, Kleckner, Ruhland

Committee members excused: Stillman, Hofberger, Karth

County Staff present for all or a portion of the meeting: Reali

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approve Agenda

Motion by Kleckner, seconded by Ruhland, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. It was decided to move Agenda Item 9 to Agenda Item 7. Lynn Clausing from USDA/FSA had asked to report on Farm Service Agency activities near the beginning of the meeting.

5. Approve Minutes from the January 8, 2014 Committee Meeting

Motion by Ruhland, seconded by Kleckner, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if Honored by Committee Chair)

No members of the public were present. Therefore, no public comment.

7. Communications (Agency and Association Reports, Moved from item #9)

Discussed were:

• **USDA; Brian Maedke; Deer Donation Update**

Maedke reported a full statewide summary was not available for the 2013 Deer Donation Program but reported that the numbers for Calumet County were 18 deer donated to Hickory Hills Country Meats; 521 pounds donated to the Salvation Army.

• **USDA; Brian Maedke; WDACP Annual Report**

Maedke distributed the report. Maedke noted that elk and cougar were added as eligible species in the report but no claims were submitted for 2013. In the future this report will be submitted electronically.

• **FSA; Lynn Clausing**

Clausing reported on the staffing situation at FSA. Clausing administers both Sheboygan Falls and Chilton offices which she feels are both understaffed.

Clausing reported the 2015 budget includes a new service center concept that may result in the closing and/or consolidation of 250 offices nationwide.

Clausing reported on the Farm Bill. The Farm Bill is in the 90 day comment period. Farm Bill has been signed but many details have not yet been released.

Clausing reported that Don Ruhland is in his last term on the FSA Committee. She reminded those present that the FSA Committee meetings are open to the public but not advertised.

- **Thursday Note**

The last note was from November. No discussion held.

- **DATCP Report**

Discussion included need for LCC approval of contracts per revised ATCP 50. Keith Foye is the new Bureau Director for the Bureau of Land and Water Resources. Ben Kingery (Conservation Project Technician) attended new employee training at DATCP in Madison on February 27.

- **Glacierland RC&D Annual Report**

Short discussion included Grassed Based Farming and Grazing Education as two topics of interest to the department. Staff has attended meetings and workshops related to these topics.

- **ECWRPC 2014 Workplan**

All projects for Calumet County approved.

8. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

a. New Business

- **USDA; Brian Maedke; 2013 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program**

Brian reported 1 deer, 3 goose and 0 turkey claims requested. Maedke explained payment calculations to the committee and discussed a few of the claimants situations. Motion by Ruhland, seconded by Laughrin, to approve payment of the claims. Motion carried unanimously.

- **MS4 Annual Report; 2013**

Reali gave information on the annual report and asked for any questions or concerns. He explained that action is required to send the report to the County Board for their review (they don't have to approve it, just receive a copy). Motion by Laughrin, seconded by Ruhland, to send the report to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Lake Winnebago Watershed/Drainage**

Reali discussed efforts in the watershed to this point, as well as the upcoming Upper Fox/Wolf TMDL, which will include Lake Winnebago. Reali also discussed an upcoming LWLWCA meeting on April 11 which will include discussion on the Upper Fox/Wolf TMDL.

- **LWCB Election**

Discussion was held on the procedure for voting. Reali said he would get clarification on this. The concern was whether or not someone other than the committee chair can cast the ballot without written designation as the committee's designee. Discussion was held on candidates. Motion by Ruhland, seconded by Laughrin, to vote for Wagner, Piechowski and Hood for LWCB. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Old Business

- **Stormwater Erosion Control Fee Schedule**

Reali gave an explanation of the new fee schedule and explained reasons for changes. Motion by Ruhland, seconded by Laughrin to adopt the 'New' fee schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Agency and Association Reports

Moved to the 'Communications' section of the agenda.

10. Department Report

Reali gave a short report on staff activities for Amanda Kleiber, Ben Kingery and himself.

11. Past Meetings/Upcoming Events (Possible Action to Approve Registration and Per Diems)

- **Joint WLWCA/WCCA/WCPD Joint Meetings**

Schmelzer had attended a meeting between the three organizations to discuss mergers. Reali reported that Schmelzer thought the meeting went well and that the main take away from the meeting was that with the trend of having merged departments, three associations need to meet more often to encourage collaboration between the associations, and create a unified message.

- **LWLWCA Spring Meeting; April 11, 2014**

Reali discussed that there would be talks on the Upper Fox Wolf TMDL, which includes Lake Winnebago. Reali suggested that if committee members' schedules allow, they should attend. Motion by Laughrin, seconded by Kleckner to approve per diems for any committee members that want to attend. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss Next Meeting Date

- **April 2, 2014**

Laughrin stated he may not be able to attend the next meeting.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Laughrin, seconded by Ruhland, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Anthony Reali, County Conservationist