

**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 1, 2023
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 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Hofberger, Kesler, Pagel-Holzschuh, Voight, Hansen

Committee Members Absent: Gentz

Staff Members Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Reali, Piper

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Brian Maedke – USDA/APHIS, Elizabeth Asendorf – Glacierland RC & D

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Pagel-Holzschuh and second by Kesler to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes from May 4, 2023, 2023 Committee Meeting

Motion by Kesler and second by Hansen to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2023 Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)

None

7. Report of Committee Members

Voight gave a report of the Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association Meeting that took place at the Calumet County Park in Hilbert. She indicated they took a field trip out to the Stony Brook Habitat Restoration Project where Dani Santry shared great information on the whole project.

8. Agency and Association Reports

a) NRCS Report; If in attendance

None

b) FSA Report; If in attendance

None



c) UW Extension; If in attendance

None

d) Glacierland RC&D

Asendorf, who was in attendance, gave some project updates. She indicated that they hired a boat inspector for the Clean Boats/Clean Waters Grant and hired staff for phragmites removal. Also, it was mentioned that they still do have some open positions. Interviews were held last week for another Soil Conservationist. Asendorf shared that they were awarded a Landscape Scale Restoration Grant which involves the Emerald Ash Borer in their ten-county area. The grant will assist in removing the dead ash trees and replanting the area.

9. Communications

- **DATCP Report; June 2023 (if available)**

Reali indicated that the report was not available yet for June.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **Brian Maedke: USDA-APHIS –**

Maedke introduced himself and what his position consists of. He talked about the regions he serves.

- **Presentation on Wildlife Damage Abatement Program**

Maedke shared that the Wildlife Damage Abatement Program includes damage done by deer, bears, Canadian geese, turkeys, elk, and cougars. Sandhill cranes are part of the program but not part of the reimbursement program. Maedke explained the program's establishment and how they help communities.

- **2023 WDACP Budget Amendment Approval- 8 Ft. Woven Wire Fencing Project**

Maedke talked about the Woven Wire Fencing Project that has been proposed. It will take place at Heritage Orchard. Maedke is hoping the project to be completed by September. Maedke will get the final numbers for the project and bring them to the committee for budget amendment approval. No action was taken.

- **2022 Annual Report**

Reali handed out a summary of the annual report. Reali went over the key points of the annual report.

- **2023 Annual Workplan**

Reali explained what is on the work plan for 2023. A lot of the work is estimates of what is going to be done this year based on the information from whom the technicians worked with the previous year.

- **Discussion on ATCP 50 Revision**

Reali summarized the ATCP 50 Revision. The biggest change is the addition of the Silurian Bedrock Performance Standards, but this will not affect every farmer. There are also some language changes and clarifications in the revision. The hearing for the ATCP 50 Public Hearing will be held in Chilton on June 13.

- **Discussion on Agricultural Educator Position**

Reali explained that the position was announced a year ago and has not yet been filled. Reali would like to rebrand the position description and gear it towards agronomy and soil health but keeping the agricultural education component in the job description is important. He will work on the new position description and bring it to the committee for review.

11. Report of Department

a) Staff Reports

Reali gave updates on what he has been working on and what his staff has been working on this past month. Reali announced that the new administrative assistant will start Monday, June 5, 2023.

12. Upcoming/Past Events

- **ATCP 50 Public Hearing; June 13; 1:00 pm**

Voight made a motion for any committee member to attend the public hearing and Pagel-Holzschuh seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Next Meeting Date- July 6, 2023; 1:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paula Piper, Recording Secretary