

CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
JULY 7, 2022
THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

The meeting was properly announced and posted. Hofberger called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

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

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting; Todd Romenesko (County Administrator), Alice Connors (County Board Chair), Korrin Doering (FWWA)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes from June 2, 2022 Committee Meeting

Motion by Kesler and second by Hansen to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2022, Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)

None

7. 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

None

e) Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Board



None

8. Communications

a) DATCP Report; June 2002, July 2022

Reali indicated that the 2021 Annual Nutrient Management report came out last week but had some errors, so the report was sent back to have the errors corrected. The July report indicated that the joint allocation plan would be coming out soon. The Producer- Led Watershed Protection Grant application is now available and Reali mentioned that he will help complete the grant application with our producer led group.

b) WI Land & Water; Land Conservation Committee Handbook; 2022-2024

Reali went over what was included in the handbook. He did point out that they needed more LCC members to be on committees, if anyone is interested, they are to let Reali know, and he will help get them in touch with someone from the committee.

9. Items for Action or Discussion

a) Winnebago Waterways Update

Korrin Doering, the program director of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, was in attendance. She handed out packets on the Winnebago Waterways Program, Winnebago Waterways Recovery, and the Winnebago Waterways Project Portfolio, which included current & upcoming projects. She said the mission of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is to protect and restore the water resources of the Fox-Wolf River Basin. The Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Plan is to create a unified vision for the Lakes. The three counties that make up the Winnebago Waterways Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement consists of Calumet, Fond du Lac, and Winnebago. Each county gives \$20,000 per year which is used to leverage grant funds.

b) ARPA Projects Updates

Reali said the county approved two projects that would be covered with ARPA funds for the Land & Water Conservation Department. The first project is a Nitrogen Leaching Study. Santry and Reali will be meeting with Discovery Farms Tuesday, July 12, about the Nitrogen Leaching Study. There is a push to get the study started this year. The program consists of collecting samples of leached groundwater in certain areas and the results of the study would be used to develop mitigation strategies that will help to protect groundwater from nitrate contamination in the future. The second project is a Stormwater Flood Control Study. This will consist of hiring a consultant to study two watersheds, which will include the Frontal Lake Winnebago/Pipe Creek Watershed and the North Branch Manitowoc Watershed. Those two watersheds have shown the most flooding in the county. Reali is putting together an RFP and plans to have it ready to go out at the end of July.

c) Discussion on Strategic Planning Updates/Trends

Reali indicated that in August the county board will be talking about Strategic Planning Trends. Reali went over three trends that will be presented to the board. 1. Watershed approach to implementing conservation and the tracking of nutrient and sediment loss reductions. 2. Demonstration Farm Networks and Producer Led Watershed Protection Groups. 3. Resiliency to heavy rainfall events, flooding prevention and designing practices that can hold up to large flashy rain events.

d) Presentation on the 2020-2029 Calumet County Land & Water Resource Management Plan

Reali presented the 10- year plan and he indicated that the plan is constantly changing. He went over what a Land and Water Resource Management Plan is and why we have one. He did say the plan is required by the Chapter 92 in State Statutes. We are also required to do an annual work plan every year and are required to have a Technical Advisory Committee and a Citizen Advisory Committee while developing the plan. Reali discussed some of the goals and objectives and noted that they did not change much from the last plan.

e) Discussion on Summer Conservation Tour; September 1; Tentative

Reali said he is planning a Summer Conservation Tour for September 1. He thought that we would have a short committee meeting and then go to do the tour. Reali suggested touring the Stonybrook project as one of the sites. Hofberger suggested we should visit a location that has something under construction.

10. Report of Department

a) Staff Reports

Reali gave updates what his staff and Santry, who was in attendance, gave an update on what she has been working on.

11. Report of Committee Members

None

12. Upcoming/Past Events

a) Between the Lakes Demonstration Farms Field Day; June 22; Sheboygan County

Reali went over how the day went. The event was held on the Kleiber Farms, and he indicated that there were approximately 75 participants. The next field day is tentatively being planned for August 18th, 2022, in Calumet County, and will be held at the Dallmann East River Dairy and potentially another site.

Hofberger discussed the upcoming WCA Seminar on Groundwater to be held in Stevens Point on July 18th.

A motion was made by Voight to attend the upcoming WCA Annual Conference and second by Pagel-Holzschuh. Motion carried unanimously.

b) County Conservationist Meeting; July 14-15; Stevens Point

Reali will forward the County Conservationist agenda to Pagel-Holzschuh and Hofberger who will be attending the upcoming meeting.

13. Next Meeting Date- Proposed- Thursday, August 4, 2022; 1:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paula Piper, Recording Secretary