

**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
January 4, 2024
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, Voight, Kesler, Gentz, Hansen

Committee Members Excused: Pagel-Holzschuh

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

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Fellion, Birschbach

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2023 Committee Meeting

Motion by Kesler and second by Hansen to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2023 Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)

None

7. Report of Committee Members

None

8. Agency and Association Reports

• **NRCS Report**

Birschbach gave the committee an update on the NRCS projects she is currently working on.

• **FSA Report; If in attendance**

Not in attendance.

• **UW Extension**

Not in attendance.

• **Glacierland RC&D**

Fellion gave a brief update on the fight against invasive plant species in the area.

9. Communications



- **DATCP Report**
No report was received for January 2024 as of the time of the meeting.
- **Between the Lakes Demonstration Farm Network; 2023 Annual Report**
Reali highlighted some key points of the Between the Lakes Farm Network Annual Report.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **Discussion on Health & Conservation; Dani Santry; Water Resource Specialist**
Santry spoke about partnering with Calumet County Public Health staff to better manage the contamination in groundwater. She also called attention to current efforts in the county and state that are being used to combat groundwater issues. Discussion Followed.
- **Exclusive Agricultural Zoning; Chris Meuer; Director; Planning, Zoning & Land Information Department**
Meuer gave a presentation on exclusive Agricultural Zoning. Discussion followed.
- **Climate Smart Commodities Grant Overview**
Reali gave a quick overview of the Climate Smart Commodities Grant including grant deliverables and goals.
- **Resolution to Amend the 2024 Budget for NRCS Contribution Agreement**
Reali gave an overview of the NRCS Contribution Agreement and the need for the resolution to amend the 2024 budget.
Motion by Voight and second by Kesler to approve the amendment to the 2024 budget for the NRCS Contribution Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Report of Department

- **Staff Reports**
Reali gave updates on what he and his staff have been working on in the past month. Santry was present to give her own update.

12. Upcoming/Past Events

- **Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association Planning Meeting; January 19; Oshkosh**
Motion by Voight and seconded by Kesler to approve the attendance of the Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association Planning Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- **WI Land & Water Annual Conference; March 6 – 8; Green Bay**
Motion by Voight and seconded by Gentz to approve the attendance at the Wisconsin Land and Water Annual Conference. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:22

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Mohrbacher, Recording Secretary