

**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
February 2, 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, Voight, Kesler, Gentz

Committee Members Excused: Pagel-Holzschuh, Hansen

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

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting; Maedke

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes from January 5, 2023 Committee Meeting

Motion by Voight and second by Kesler to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2023 Committee Meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)

None

7. Report of Committee Members

Voight indicated that she attended the Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association 2023 Planning Meeting held in January and shared some highlights from that meeting including that Calumet County will be hosting the spring meeting on May 19, 2023.

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

Reali had an update from Elizabeth Asendorf from Glacierland.

9. Communications

a) DATCP Report; January 2023

Reali gave the new updates. He touched on the Nutrient Management Grant that it will be available by the end of January, spoke about the County Annual Reports, Soil and Water Resources Management Grant, and talked about the Land and Water Resource Management Plans and that he will be working on the 5-year review.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

a) Brian Maedke; USDA/APHIS; Wildlife Damage Program Update

● **92022 Wildlife Abatement Claims Program- claims for review and approval**

Maedke went over a summary of the 2021 claims and presented Randy Koehler's new claim for 2022. Maedke indicated that Koehler followed all rules and received no complaints, he recommended to the committee that the claim be approved.

Motion by Gentz and second by Kesler to approve Koehler Wildlife Damage Abatement claim. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Conservation Technician Update; Jared Grunewald & Jon Lisowe

Both Grunewald and Lisowe presented on the work they have been doing in the last year. They explained that they plan, design and oversee practices on manure pits, well closures, waterways as well as other practices. They shared a lot of great information.

c) Discussion and possible action Conservation Cooperator Award

Reali explained each year at the Marti Gras event that they have given an award for the Conservation Cooperator of the year. He thinks after this year going forward it would be a good idea to do it every other year. Reali presented his award recipient for this year and supporting reasons for giving this person the award. The event is held Feb 21, 2023 at Cobblestone Creek in Brillion.

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

11. Report of Department

a) Staff Reports

Reali gave updates on what he has been working on and also what his staff has been working on this past month.

Reali went over some grant funding that was awarded and indicated that there will need to be a budget update in March from the county board due to additional Multi-Discharger Variance funds being received.

12. Upcoming/Past Events

a) Holstein Breeder's Association Mardi Gras; February 21; Cobblestone Creek; Brillion

Reali went over the details of the event and asked if there was any interest in attending the event. Both Reali and Hofberger will be in attendance.

Motion by Voight and second by Kesler for attendance of the Mardi Gras event. Motion carried unanimously.

b) WI Land & Water Conference; March 1-3; Chula Vista; Wisconsin Dells

Reali asked for an update of who was attending the WI Land & Water Conference and if they were able to get registered and lodging reservations made. Hofberger, Kesler, and Voight be attending and indicated that everything was set for them to attend.

13. Next Meeting Date- March 9, 2023; 1:00 pm * Note date change

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Piper, Recording Secretary