

**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 3, 2021
THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED**

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

The meeting was properly announced and posted. Chair Hofberger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Hofberger, Hartl, Kesler, Gentz

Committee Members Excused: Handschke

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

Others Present: Alice Connors; County Board Chair, Brian Maedke; USDA APHIS, Joe Smedberg; NRCS, Austin Dyb; Glacierland RC & D

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes from January 6, 2021 Committee Meeting

Motion by Hartl and second by Gentz to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2021 Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)

Chair Hofberger introduced Eugene Hansen (joined by phone) who will be the new FSA Representative on the Committee starting at the next meeting.

7. Committee Members Reports of Official Meetings Attended in the Last Month

Hartl reported on a recent WCA Webinar that she had attended in regard to solar energy. Concerns raised were taking productive land out of production and lack of local control.

Hofberger reported on the recent Land and Water Conservation Board Meeting he attended and discussed County Land & Water Plan presentations and the participation level of each County's committee members and staff.

8. Agency and Association Reports

• **NRCS Report; If in attendance**

Smedberg reported on NRCS' COVID 19 policies and staffing changes in their office. A technician recently left for another position and that position has been advertised. Glacierland RC & D has added Austin Dyb as a Soil Conservationist to the NRCS office.



- **FSA Report; If in attendance**
None
- **UW Extension; If in attendance**
None

9. Communications

- **DATCP Report; February 2021**
Reali highlighted some of the recent topics that were listed in the February 2021 report.
- **Memo – Process for 2021 Strategic Planning**
Reali gave an overview of the modified 2021 Strategic Planning process.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services; Brian Maedke**
Maedke gave a brief overview of the program and recommended two claims to be approved for Randolph Koehler. Discussion followed. Motion by Hartl and second by Gentz to approve the two claims. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Introduce Austin Dyb; Glacierland RC & D**
Austin introduced himself and discussed some of the items that he will be working on. Presently Austin is working with the EQIP program due to staff shortage in the NRCS office. Austin will also be available to assist the LWCD as well.
- **Winnebago Waterways 9 Key Element Watershed Plan**
Santry gave an overview of the watershed plan for the Pipe Creek/Frontal Lake Winnebago watershed and discussed funding needs and timelines for implementation of the plan with the Committee. Discussion followed. Motion by Hartl and second by Gentz to move the plan to the County Board at a date to be determined. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Letter to Legislators re: 13 Water Bills**
The Committee reviewed the letters drafted by Hartl to Senator LeMahieu, Senator Jacque, Representative Tittl and Representative Tusler. Discussion followed. Motion by Hartl and second by Kesler to sign the letters and send out. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Area MOU**
Santry gave an overview of the MOU and discussed the invasive species management area. Discussion followed. Motion by Hartl and second by Kesler to support entering into the MOU. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Report of Department

- **Staff Reports**
Reali reviewed each staff member's report with the Committee.

12. Upcoming Events/Past Events

- **WI Land & Water Annual Conference; Virtual; March 2 – 5**
Reali reminded the Committee to register for the conference if they plan on attending.

13. Next Meeting Date

- **March 11, 2021; 1:00 pm (Tentative)**
The next meeting will be held tentatively on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. After discussion it was decided that going forward meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm.

14. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Anthony Reali, Recording Secretary