

**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
February 3, 2022
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 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Hofberger, Hartl, Kesler, Handschke, Gentz.

Excused: Hansen.

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

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting; Steve Hoffman, Joe Smedberg, Alice Connors.

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, 2022 Committee Meeting

Gentz asked to be excused from the January meeting. Motion by Hartl and second by Kesler to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2022 Committee Meeting with Gentz being an excused absence. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)

None.

7. Agency and Association Reports

• **NRCS Report; If in attendance**

Joe Smedberg gave updates. Smedberg indicated that NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program sign up started. Joe gave an update on Elizabeth Asendorf and what she was working on. Joe indicated that he is training her remotely and indicated that she currently is in the office 2 days every 2 weeks.

• **FSA Report; If in attendance**

None.

• **UW Extension; If in attendance**

None.

• **Glacierland RC&D**

Hofberger- updated. Emphasized that it is a growing program.



Land & Water Conservation Board

Hofberger indicated that he had a zoom meeting yesterday, 2/22/22, and it was a very good meeting. Two counties presented their plans, Washburn and Florence. Hofberger indicated that he was not running for reelection but he is still on the board for another year. There were 7 candidates running, one dropped out and now have 6 candidates to choose from.

8. Communications

- **DATCP Report; January 2022**

Reali gave an update. Annual report for DATCP due March 15, 2022. Producer-Led Grants were awarded and CCASA did receive \$22,898 to be used for Conservation Practice Incentive payments, continuing well testing, and a field day. CCASA is working more independently, they are using the help from Farmers for Sustainable Food. Reali indicated that he is still an advisor to the board.

9. Items for Action or Discussion

- **2021 Demo Farm Annual Report; Steve Hoffman; Project Manager**

Steve Hoffmann report- Steve is based out of Manitowoc County. He talked about Between the Lakes Demonstration Farm Network, which consists of four counties- Calumet, Sheboygan, Manitowoc and Fond du Lac and they are partnered with NRCS. The events are to show farmers' successes, failures and processes. This is the start of the third year. This past year had consisted of three field days, which were well attended. The Project Management Team consists of Tony Reali, Joe Smedberg, and Amanda Kleiber from Calumet County along with other conservation specialists from other counties. The group has a web page and FB page where all the events are posted and you can read about happenings in the area. Steve indicated that there is a texting process for events that pop up, they are informal events, you can find the number on the website for FB.

- **2021 Strategic Planning/Department Accomplishments**

Reali updated. Went over accomplishments from the goals made from the previous year. All the changes of the ordinances for non-metallic mining reclamation, post-construction stormwater management, manure storage and runoff have been completed and will go to public hearing and County Board in March.

- **2022 Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Board Election Discussion**

Reali updated. Each county must vote for 3 people. The first day of the L&W conference from 12:25 pm to 1:15 p.m. will be speeches by all the candidates. Voting must be done by that day. Motion made by Hartl to have Hofberger and Reali cast the ballot and was seconded by Gentz. Motion carried unanimously.

- **2022 Conservation Cooperator Award Discussion**

Reali updated. He indicated that he would like to give out an award this year, the last one that was given out was in 2020. The awards do not have to be given every single year. He indicated that he had two ideas for nomination. The award is given out March 2, 2022 at Cobblestone Creek in Brillion. Hofberger made the motion to give out the award to candidate #1. A motion was made by Gentz and second by Handschke. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Report of Department

- **Staff Reports**

Reali- gave updates for all his staff.

11. Report of Committee Members

Gentz gave updates. He indicated that there will be a presentation to county board looking at the old sheriff's office and jail space. It is intended for L & W and P & Z to be relocated to this area after remodeling is complete. Reali also gave some updates.

12. Upcoming/Past Events

- **2022 WI Land& Water Annual Conference: March 2-4; Virtual**

Reali- handed out new registration info, as the meeting turned virtual. Hofberger and Hartl would like our staff to register them.

13. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting's tentative date lands on the Land and Water Annual Conference, Reali proposed March 10th, Handschke indicated a conflict with date that he could not come in person but could attend virtually. The next meeting is set for March 10, 2022 at 1 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paula Piper, Recording Secretary