

**CALUMET COUNTY  
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
May 4, 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, Pagel-Holzschuh, Hansen, Gentz  
Staff Members Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Reali, Piper, Kleiber  
Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting; Elizabeth Asendorf (Glacierland RC&D)  
Webex: Tom Kesler, Robert Kesler

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

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

**5. Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2023 Committee Meeting**

Motion by Gentz and second by Voight to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2023 Committee Meeting.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)**

None

**7. Report of Committee Members**

Voight reported on the WCA Environment and Land Use Steering Committee Meeting that she attended. She shared that she talked with Dan Bahr and asked about how many acres in the county belonged to foreign entities and he indicated that he does not have access to that information and to contact a surveyor or the Register of Deeds. Pagel-Holzschuh attended the PFAS Conference on Tuesday. She said it was very educational and they indicated that the DNR will be testing all Wisconsin municipal wells for PFAS.

**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**

Asendorf gave project updates, specifically about the phragmites control project. She shared that The Nature Conservancy is partnering on a project along with The National Fish and Wildlife, she will give more updates and information as available in the coming months.

**9. Communications**

• **DATCP Report; April 2023**

Reali gave the new updates for April and May 2023. He indicated that we did have the SWRM Application completed and submitted. Regarding the Farmland Preservation Program and Agricultural Enterprise Areas, he gave an overview of the standards and indicated that there was a new compliance publication available, and he is interested in using that tool in the office. Reali talked about the ATCP 50 Rule Revision update and touched on some legislation updates.

**10. Items for Action or Discussion**

- **Brian Maedke: USDA-APHIS** - Was unable to attend meeting, will present in the June meeting.

- **Presentation on Wildlife Damage Abatement Program**

- **Discussion on E-Coli Contamination; Hwy 55 and Faro Springs Rd.**

Reali gave a brief overview of the E-Coli situation on Hwy 55 and Faro Springs Rd. One well came back E- coli positive and the DNR contacted the county on the positive result. Santry sent out letters within ¼ mile radius of the positive E- coli result to suggest having their well tested. From the wells that were tested, two came back positive for E-coli. Santry educated land well owners on the American Rescue Plan Act Well Compensation Program and the Well Abandonment Grant to replace wells if needed and interested.

- **Amanda Kleiber; Land Resource Specialist: Nutrient Management Update Presentation**

Kleiber presented on the Nutrient Management Program. As of 2021, 74% of farmers participate in nutrient management in Calumet County. Kleiber also touched on manure spreading in the county.

**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. Kleiber updated the committee on what she has been working on and Piper relayed to the committee that she is resigning from the department.

**12. Upcoming/Past Events**

- **Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association; Calumet County May 19**

Reali relayed the information on the upcoming meeting that is being held at the Calumet County Park. Voight and Hofberger indicated they will be attending the meeting.

**13. Next Meeting Date- June 1, 2023; 1:00 p.m.**

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

**14. Adjourn**

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Paula Piper, Recording Secretary