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**CALUMET COUNTY
PLANNING, ZONING, LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
July 2, 2014 MEETING MINUTES
THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED**

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

Chairperson Prescott called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present: Prescott, Mayer, Laughrin, Stillman, Ruhland, Hofberger & Kleckner

Committee member Mayer left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

County Board Supervisors present: Yelton

County Staff present for all or a portion of the meeting: Reali, Santry, Rohloff & Administrator Romenesko.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approved Agenda

Motion by Stillman, seconded by Laughrin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2014 Committee Meeting

Motion by Hofberger, seconded by Ruhland to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if Honored by Committee Chair)

There were no members of the public present so there was no public comment under the Public Participation section of the agenda.

7. Communications

• **DATCP Report**

Reali reported on the June 2014 DATCP report.

• **Other**

Copied in the committee packets was a letter addressed to Senator Scott Fitzgerald from Waterdown Farms of Juneau, WI regarding concerns posed by spray manure irrigation. Reali indicated that Holsum Dairy was the only farm in the county utilizing this method of manure spreading and have been very responsible to this point. The area where the spray irrigation is taking place is in deep clay soils and not in Karst topography.

- **Other**

Copied in the committee packets was a letter from Chris Harvey of TRC regarding the re-commencement of work on the Hayton Remediation project in 2014.

8. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

a. New Business

- **Discussion on state of department/committee in regard to past merger of Land and Water Conservation with Planning and Zoning**

Administrator Romenesko reported on the meetings that were had with staff members of the Resource Management Department. Romenesko reported that responses from the employees regarding the merger were very positive and staff enjoyed working together.

Laughrin expressed concerns regarding the fact that the vast majority of Land and Water departments around the state are not merged. Other concerns expressed were the thought that there is not enough input from the Committee on Land and Water issues, that there should be more Land and Water Committee members, that it is unfair to have to serve on a Planning and Zoning Committee in order to serve on the Land and Water Committee and that the merged department scenario is detrimental to the relationships with other LCCs.

Reali reported on a plan for more staff involvement at the committee meeting and to add more Land and Water issues to the agenda for discussion in future meetings. One Land and Water staff person (other than the County Conservationist) will attend each committee meeting on a rotational basis and give a short report on their recent duties and accomplishments.

Romenesko expressed the need for staff to report on how the merger is going but that the majority of the concerns that have been raised can be taken care of without a change in structure of the Committee or the Resource Management Department.

9. Agency and Association Reports

- **FSA**

Committee member Ruhland reported on the fact that there will be a new FSA committee chair and that the elections will be in November 2015. The new chair will replace Ruhland on the PZLW Committee.

- **Glacierland RC & D**

Committee member Hofberger reported that Glacierland will probably be discontinuing use of an office and staff will work from home offices. Due to low funding opportunities for staffing the Administrative workload has started to overwhelm regular functions of the organization.

10. Department Report

- **Lower Fox TMDL**

Reali reported on the TMDL process and where the project was at. A large scale TRM grant for soft practices has been applied for by Outagamie County in the Plum and Kankapot Creek watersheds. Soft practices include cover crops, reduced tillage practices, buffers, strip cropping and other practices. There is also a proposal being put together for USDA's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) that includes the counties of Calumet, Winnebago,

Outagamie and Brown. Calumet County would be providing match for our work that is done in the Lower Fox River watershed in Calumet County.

- **Hilbert/Brillion Flooding update**

Reali reported on meetings that have taken place over the last year in regard to flooding issues in the Villages of Potter and Hilbert and the City of Brillion. Many representatives from the cities, villages and towns have been meeting along with staff from DNR, Calumet County, ECWRPC and LNRP to discuss the issues, specific areas of concern and potential solutions to the flooding issues in the Manitowoc River watershed. Next steps are to determine who the main players will be moving forward.

- **Kloten Area Well Contamination Update**

Reali and Santry reported on the brown water incident in the Kloten area. In the committee member's packets were letters that were sent to landowners and operators encouraging farmers and landowners to use the resources available to prevent future incidents like this one. The brown water incident was determined to have been from manure spreading in the area.

- **Permit and Inspection Update**

Reali reported on the number of open erosion control and stormwater permits in the county (31) and the number of inspections that have been done in the county so far this year (54). This number is up quite a bit from last year's numbers due to heavy rains this spring and early summer. Reali also reported on the number of permits that have been issued over the years since the adoption of the erosion control and stormwater ordinances, the number of permits have increased from 0 in 2008 and 2009 to 36 in 2013 creating a much heavier workload.

- **Dani Santry, Water Resource Update**

- **Water Testing Program**

Santry gave an update on the water testing program. This year the towns of Rantoul and New Holstein participated in the program as well as Town of Chilton which provides free testing for nitrates and bacteria for their residents on a yearly basis. There were 142 total samples taken in 2014.

- **Winnebago Waterways**

Santry gave an update on Phase 2 grant progress. The Cooperative Management Report is scheduled to be completed by mid-July. The report is scheduled to go to the County Administrators and Executives the week of July 14th, followed by outreach meetings to local municipalities and the general public starting the last week of July.

- **Shoreline Inventory**

Santry gave an update on progress on the shoreline inventory project. Staff have completed a quarter of the inventory on the East Shore of Winnebago. Winnebago County is now planning on completing the inventory on all their Winnebago System Shoreline, including L. Winnebago.

12. Upcoming Events (Possible Action to Approve Registration and Per Diems)

- **July 25; LWLWCA Summer Tour; Fond du Lac County**
Hofberger, Laughrin, Ruhland and Kleckner expressed interest in attending. Motion by Stillman, seconded by Laughrin to approve per Diems. Motion carried unanimously.
- **July 22; NRCS Local Workgroup Meeting**
Reali encouraged any interested committee members to attend if possible. Meeting is to be held in the basement of the courthouse.

13. Discuss Next Meeting

- **August 6, 2014**

The meeting date and time were set for August 6, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

14. Adjourn

Motion by Stillman, seconded by Ruhland, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Anthony Reali, Recording Secretary