

**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
September 7, 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, Kesler, Pagel-Holzschuh, Gentz, Voight, Hansen

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

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Brian Maedke, Elizabeth Asendorf, Michelle Fellion, Alice Connors, Todd Romenesko

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 August 3, 2023 Committee Meeting

Motion by Pagel-Holzschuh and second by Kesler to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2023 Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)

None

7. Report of Committee Members

Pagel-Holzschuh reported on the CCASA Field Day that she attended which demonstrated the use of Lysimeters.

8. Agency and Association Reports

• **NRCS Report**

NRCS was present but the report will be given later in the meeting by Asendorf.

• **FSA Report**

Not in attendance

• **UW Extension**

Not in attendance

• **Glacierland RC&D**

Asendorf introduced Michelle Fellion as a new addition to Glacierland RC&D. Gentz requested Fellion give a little background about herself. Asendorf gave a brief description of the current projects they are working



on. She also informed the committee that later this month on September 21 she will be planting trees in Amsterdam Park.

9. Communications

- **DATCP Report; September 2023**

Reali gave a few highlights from the September 2023 DATCP Report.

- **Calumet County Aquatic Invasive Species 2022 Highlights; Chris Acy; FWWA**

Reali asked the committee to look at the provided information sheet. He indicated that Acy will be asked to come to a future meeting.

- **Wisconsin Counties Magazine; September 2023; Trout in the Classroom Leads to the Restoration of a Local Trout Stream**

Reali brought attention to an article published in Wisconsin Counties Magazine.

- **WI Land & Water; Capitol Update; Act 32 (Assembly Bill 131); LCC Membership**

Reali gave a brief update on the Act 32 bill.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

- **Brian Maedke; USDA-APHIS; 2023 WDACP Mid-Year Budget Amendment for Permanent Fence Project**

Maedke introduced the proposal for a permanent fence at Heritage Orchard to prevent crop damage. He explained that an amendment would have to be voted on by the county board because the cost was not in the original budget. The budget will increase by 13,845 dollars. Discussion followed.

Motion by Voight second by Pagel-Holzschuh to approve the proposed fence project and the budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

- **NRCS Program Updates; Elizabeth Asendorf**

Asendorf gave a physical year summary, as well as discussed upcoming budget numbers. She indicated that staffing is still an issue, but they do have a new employee starting soon. Additionally, she informed the committee that she be leaving Glacierland and would be an NRCS employee.

- **Discussion of Potential NRCS Contribution Agreement**

Reali Indicated that NRCS currently has an overflow of money but a lack of staffing resources to complete projects. Reali further explained that Calumet County Land and Water Conservation is going to enter a contribution agreement with NRCS to help fund some of the projects they will be working on.

- **Discussion on 2024 Land & Water Conservation Department Budget**

Reali gave an overview of the 2024 budget. He highlighted grant programs and changes for the year. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

11. Report of Department

- **Staff Reports**

Reali updated the committee on what he and his staff have been working on in the past month.

Romenesko arrived at 2:33

12. Upcoming/Past Events

- **Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association; September 15; Green Lake County**

Both Voight and Hofberger indicated they would be attending.

13. Next Meeting Date- October 5, 2023; 1:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:36

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Mohrbacher, Recording Secretary