

**CALUMET COUNTY
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 11, 2022
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, Pagel-Holzschuh, Gentz, Hansen

Committee Members Excused: Kesler

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

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting; Elizabeth Asendorf (Glacierland RC & D), Jessica Schultz (Fox/Wolf Watershed Alliance), Alyssa Reinke (Fox/Wolf Watershed Alliance)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gentz and second by Pagel-Holzschuh to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes from September 1, 2022, Committee Meeting

Motion by Pagel-Holzschuh and second by Gentz to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2022, Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if requested by Committee Chair)

None

7. Report of Committee Members

Voight indicated that she attended the field day in Fond du Lac County, and she expressed how good everything was.

8. Agency and Association Reports

a) NRCS Report; If in attendance

Asendorf stated that NRCS recently merged with Manitowoc County. NRCS is currently working on the Conservation Stewardship Program. She explained that the contracts are voluntary, and the contract runs for five years. She said that the certified plans that were funded this year are now being worked on.

b) FSA Report; If in attendance

None



c) UW Extension; If in attendance

None

d) Glacierland RC&D

Asendorf gave an update on the Clean Boats Clean Waters program that was held in Kewaunee County this year. She indicated that the phragmites control project is still ongoing and they are seeking additional funding for Fond du Lac County and Calumet County for next year. Also, they are seeking extra funding for expanding grazing plans in Wisconsin and have submitted applications for obtaining extra funding.

9. Communications

a) DATCP Report; September, October 2022

Santry referred the committee to the summarized handouts from September and October 2022. Hofberger mentioned that he attended the State Land and Water Conservation Meeting by Zoom. He indicated that the meeting talked a lot about funding and how it is prioritized. Three counties presented their 5-to-10-year plans. Hofberger was really impressed on how counties from our district, the Lake Winnebago District, have presented.

b) DATCP Annual Report

Hofberger mentioned to the committee to look at the annual report that was in the packet.

10. Items for Action or Discussion

a) Brian Maedke; USDA/APHIS; Wildlife Damage Program Update

Maedke gave updates on the program and indicated that the funding comes from hunting dollars and that no county money is involved. Maedke, himself, goes out to assess the crop damage then will set the crop price. Maedke handed out a proposed budget for our county.

- **2023 Preliminary Budget Approval**- Motion by Hansen and second by Voight to approve the preliminary budget for 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
- **2022 Crop Prices Approval**- The crop prices are set every year and usually the timeline is a bit different than the county's timeline for the budget. Maedke said that the crop prices are set by a year's average.
- **2023 Deer Donation Program Participation Approval**- Maedke handed out the County Agreement to Participate in the Deer Donation Program. He said they increased the fee to \$110. If we want to participate in next year, 2023, we need to sign the agreement now.
Motion by Hansen to approve both the 2022 Crop Price Approval and the 2023 Deer Donation Program Participation and second by Gentz. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Jessica Schultz; Fox/Wolf Watershed Alliance; Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium

Schultz started by introducing Alyssa Reinke as a new staff member to their group. Schultz indicated that the Fox/ Wolf Watershed Alliance is a nonprofit organization that works to improve water quality in the Fox-Wolf River Basin. In 2023, Schultz mentioned that Waushara County will partner with the organization. The organization manages the Winnebago Waterways Program. Schultz mentioned that there is a 7.9 million grant by USDA to be used for agronomy staff, Calumet County is included if they are interested. Calumet County have been working with Fox-Wolf Watershed since 2008.

c) 2023 Land and Water Conservation Department Budget Request Update

Santry went over budget and indicated that there was \$17,000 added to the requested budget. The funding will be coming from the Monsanto PCB lawsuit. They are working on what those funds can be used for.

11. Report of Department

a) Staff Reports

Staff members Jalonen and Santry gave updates to staff on what they have been working on this past month. Santry gave an update on the rest of the Land and Water staff.

12. Upcoming/Past Events

None

13. Next Meeting Date- Proposed- Thursday, November 3, 2022; 1:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Hofberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paula Piper, Recording Secretary