

LWCC MEETING MINUTES

VERNON COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE December 10th, 2020 MEETING WebEx

Present:

Committee: Will Beitlich-Chairman, Kevin Larson-Vice-Chair, Frank Easterday, Kelli Mitchell, and Rod Ofte

Staff: Ben Wojahn, Sarah McDowell, Matt Albright, Monique Hassman, and Nick Gilman

Guests: Shawna Stringham-WI DNR, Kirk Olson-WI DNR, Jill Schoen-WI DNR, Mat Wagner-Landowner, Tom Lukens-Landowner, Jean Beck-Landowner, Joan Peterson-Landowner, Luke & Ruthie Zahm-Landowners, Nick Mlsna-Landowner, Doug Erdman-Landowner, Claire O'Connell-WI DNR, Lars Bergen-Landowner, Gillian Pomplin-Crawford Independent, Jillian Ritchie-Landowner, Christine Walrath-WI DNR, Dave Swanson-Landowner

1. Call to Order
Beitlich called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.
2. Affirmation of Proper Public Notice of meeting
Wojahn affirmed.
3. Review (amend if needed) and approve minutes from November 12th, 2020 meeting.
A motion was made by Mitchell to approve the minutes, second by Easterday. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Review and Approve Bills for Payment
A motion was made by Larson to approve the bills for payment, second by Mitchell. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Agency Reports (NRCS, DNR, FSA, RC &D, UW-Ext., any others)
None
6. Audience to Visitors
None
7. Schedule next LWCC meeting(s)
January 14th @ 9:30 a.m.
February 11th @ 9:30 a.m.
8. Discussion of Manure Related Fish Kills
Jill with the WI DNR spoke about fish kills in the state. Several members of the community spoke about their concerns of the rise in the number of fish kills and the impact it has on fishing and tourism. Nick Mlsna, the farmer from the latest manure related fish kill stated that he was sorry for what had happened. The DNR staff answered a few questions raised by the citizens.
9. Approval to form a Committee to Begin Revisions for Manure Storage Ordinance
Wojahn stated that due to the increase in the number of Manure related fish kills and how old the current ordinance is he would like to start a committee to revise the ordinance. A

motion was made to start a committee to revise the Manure Storage Ordinance by Ofte, second by Larson. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Approval of the Forestry 15 Year Plan

Gilman stated that the plan has been approved by the WI DNR and just needs the committee approval on the edits the WI DNR did. A motion was made by Ofte to approve the plan, second by Easterday. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Accounts Manager Report

McDowell gave the balances in all the accounts.

12. Watershed Planning Update

Wojahn stated that the project is moving along.

13. Reports from Committee Members and Announcements

Tree Sale is currently going on, please help spread the word.

14. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Ofte, second by Mitchell. All ayes, motion carried.

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