

Dec. 5, 2011

The December meeting of the Land/Water/Education Committee was called to order by Chairman Piechowski at 1:00 pm on December 5, 2011.

Members present were Eckstein, Fenske, Piechowski and Krentz.

Others present: Hernandez, Kenton

A motion by Krentz/Fenske to approve the agenda, motion carried.

A motion by Eckstein/Krentz to approve the minutes of the Nov.7, 2011 meeting.  
Motion carried.

**Staff Reports:** Monthly written reports were handed out. Hernandez stated the state Land and Water Board will meet tomorrow to accept the preliminary allocation plan, however exact monies to counties may not be known until March 2012. Currently the allocation plan puts Waushara County LCD \$4-5 thousand shy of what was budgeted for 2012. The LWB will hear a proposal to cut 12% across the board – in order to approve another funding formula an exemption would need to be made to the Administrative Code. WALCE and WLWCA will argue against changing the funding formula. They encourage supervisors to contact their representative to support no lapse of funds and for DATCP to uphold the current funding formula.

Hernandez has signed 135 acres of nutrient management to use the last \$3,832 in funding.

The Lakes Class Grant Phase I report is complete, reimbursement forms will be submitted for payment soon.

John Olsen has been working on FPP contract reviews.

Hernandez reported on a letter from RC&D sent to the DNR relative to invasive species. It supports efforts to suppress draw downs caused by Richfield Dairy High Capacity wells. Much discussion on what the LWE Committee's position should be when dealing with the public on topics that are highly political, i.e., high capacity wells, CAFO's, irrigation, lake levels. Hernandez advised that assumptions should not be made, all decisions should be made based on sound science.

The Magdanz project ranked 14 out of 19 and will be receiving TRM state dollars if the allocation is signed.

RC&D has set up a search engine called Good Search. If you use this search engine it helps to put dollars into the RC&D.

Hernandez, Piechowski and Eckstein will be attending the WLWCA meeting this Thursday and Friday in Wisconsin Dells. A resolution to be voted on at that meeting was read which rejects further cuts to LCD staffing grant in the 2012-2013 budget.

FSA: Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, no more than 6 mtgs/year in 2012.

**Lake Reports:**

- Alpine Lake – draw down, trying to control buck-thorn
- Mt. Morris Lake – stakeholder surveys were discussed
- Fish Lake – fish stocking and cribs have been accomplished

**New Business:**

**A. Information & PA on Waushara County Water Quality Program**

**Resolution** – Proposed to be sent to Co. Board for approval on Dec. 20, 2011. Supports a 3 yr. cost-share program to assist property owners - \$25,000 per year from county general funds for 2012-2013 & 2014. It was suggested Bill VanDongen, Watershed Lakes Council be asked to speak in favor of. Motion by Krentz/Crawford to forward the resolution to the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

**B. I&PA on CWWP Requests** – none

**C. I&PA on NRCS Requests** –none

**D. I&PA on APHIS Requests** – none

Land Conservation minutes taken by Kenton.

UW-Extension Staff joined the meeting at 1:45 pm.

Present: Barker, Williams, Caravella, Nehring.

Written reports were handed out, discussed and placed on file. A motion to approve the UW-Extension reports by Fenske/Krentz. Motion carried.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

The January WACEC meeting will be held on January 6, 2012 at the Elizabeth Inn in Plover. Eckstein and Piechowski will attend this meeting. Motion was made by Eckstein/Krentz for Eckstein and Piechowski to attend the WACEC meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Motion by Eckstein/Crawford to adjourn at 2:47 pm. Motion carried.

UW Extension minutes taken by Caravella.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2012 at 1:00 pm for UW-Extension and 2:00 pm for Land Conservation.