

July 6, 2010

The regular meeting of the Land/Water/Education Committee was called to order by Chair Piechowski at 1:00 p.m. on July 6, 2010.

Members present were: Piechowski, Krentz, Crawford, Eckstein, Fenske.

Others present: Nehring, Williams, Girdauskas, Caravella, Barker, Hernandez.

A motion was made by Krentz/Eckstein to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fenske/Eckstein to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried.

Staff Reports: Reports were placed on file. A motion to approve the UW-Extension reports by Eckstein/Fenske. Motion carried.

New Business:

Barker requested permission to attend the National 4-H Conference from October 25-29th in Phoenix, AZ. Cost would be approximately \$300. Barker informed the committee that cost would come out of UW-Extension budget. A motion by Krentz/Crawford to allow Barker to attend the conference. Motion carried.

UW-Extension minutes taken by Girdauskas.
UW-Extension staff exited – Williams stayed

Land Conservation staff present: Hernandez, Flyte, Schumacher, Kenton, Dopp-Paukstat

Staff Reports: Written reports were handed out. Flyte shared a letter from Lake Huron to the LWE Committee stating groundwater issues on Lake Huron should be addressed as a priority and encouraging the committee to support groundwater legislation. Construction is in full swing – the Pionke project is temporarily on-hold. Our Lakes Class Grant was approved, will be receiving 2-\$50,000 grants for 2011 & 2012 Phase II. WALCE (the LCD training and improvement organization) is still considering a merger with WLWCA (the LCD legislative and education organization). A combination of agencies could be of benefit to the many who are members of both organizations. DATCP staffing dollars only cover 35% of the county's costs for Land Conservation employees. We may see additional reductions in that funding.

Flyte presented further information and comments from his presentation to Lake Huron regarding the Lakes Grant. Hernandez reminded the committee the reasons we were not in support of the Groundwater Legislation as it was first written. When it is re-written into legislation, the LWE Committee will need to re-evaluate it's content.

Williams leaves.

Aug. 2 the LWE conservation practice tour will commence after the regular monthly meeting at approx. 3:00. Several sites will be visited. The tour will end before the dinner hour and snacks will be limited due to budget constraints.

July 23 is the LWLWCA Summer Tour hosted by Waupaca County. Eckstein and Piechowski indicated they would like to attend.

Only one report of gypsy moth has come in so far this year.

FSA Report: corn up \$3.36, soy beans \$9.19

Lake Reports: **Pleasant Lake** – Reported Milfoil has been treated, but is spreading due to boat traffic. Members would like to see an environmental impact study on high capacity wells. The lake is up 6” from ice out. **Big Hills** – want more law enforcement, 100 yrs. of Boy Scout Camp being celebrated, DNR says need more good weeds in the waters, one acre of milfoil treated this year. Wanted to know who is on the NR115 Advisory Committee – Schumacher can get that information for them. **Pearl Lake** – annual meeting held, seven board members elected.

Piechowski will be involved with a Wi. Land and Water conference call.

Lake levels will be taken in August by Zoning personnel. The committee asked to see some of the info Zoning has on lake levels. Graphs are available and a brief report will be given when the data is compiled. Some records for Silver Lake go back to the 1930's. Not every year is represented. Back in the mid 1980's DNR lost a staff member who was performing the duty of lake level recording. Zoning copied the records at that time and made permanent benchmarks from them.

New Business:

- A. I & PA on Regulating Large Animal Operations** – The Zoning Committee and the Land Conservation Committee previously decided not to adopt livestock siting, but wanted to re-visit that decision after the Land Use Planning was finished. Schumacher will also be asking the Planning & Zoning Committee to review. Motion to adopt Opt. #1 – continue as we have in the past, which means that operations of less than 1,000 animal units are not regulated locally, other than by existing manure storage, floodplain, and zoning codes by Krentz/Crawford. Motion carried.

- B. I & PA on recommending a starting rate for the position of Director of Land Conservation & Zoning** – Dopp-Paukstat will be formally appointed new director Sept. 7, 2011 at the Joint Budget Meeting. Common practice in the County is to start an individual who has some years of employment with the county above the minimum salary, especially when they are trained, as Paukstat is. June 17th the Zoning Committee endorsed this concept and Schumacher would like the LWE to endorse it also. The County Personnel Committee will establish the pay rate. There will be a cost-savings in salary, since it will be less than what is currently being paid for the Director. Motion by Fenske/Krentz to endorse the concept of starting Paukstat at a higher level than the minimum salary for the Director Position. Motion carried.
- C. I & PA on road closure/Town of Rose** – According to statute the LWE Committee must be notified when there is a road closure. Some roads are platted, but never develop into roads. Committee feels the final say on the two road closures in the Town of Rose should be with the Township and opt not to take any action on them.
- D. I & PA on Resolution on Asian Carp** – Hernandez brings a resolution which will be presented to the Co. Board next week. DNR says DNA of Asian Carp is being found in Lake Michigan. The resolution supports efforts to pursue legal remedies to stop Asian carp from entering Lake Michigan, and to urge the Governor of WI to address the U.S. Congress to support studies that biologically separate Asian carp from entering Lake Michigan through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. Motion by Eckstein/Krentz to approve the resolution. Motion carried.
- E. I & PA on Updated Cost Share Ranking Policy Statement** – Hernandez presented the Policy Statement, which had been previously reviewed, with language changes to allow more latitude in allocating cost-share dollars. Motion by Krentz/Crawford to approve the updated policy statement. Motion carried.

With no further business a motion by Eckstein/Crawford to adjourn was made at 3:25 PM. Motion carried.

LCD Minutes taken by Tammi Kenton.

Next meeting will be held on August 2 starting at 1:30 for UW-Extension.