The Land, Water, and Education Committee Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Bernadette Krentz at 1:00 p.m. in Room #263, Second Floor of the Waushara County Courthouse on December 1, 2014.

Members present were: Bernadette Krentz, Jerry Rothermel, and Enrique Soria. Also present were Ed Hernandez, and Terri DoppPaukstat.

A motion was made by Enrique Soria to approve the agenda, 2nd by Jerry Rothermel. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Enrique Soria to approve the minutes of the last meeting, 2nd by Jerry Rothermel. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

REPORTS
Staff Reports – Written copies of staff reports were passed out. Highlights include –
The Krentz waterway and Wedell animal crossing projects are underway now and should be done before 1-1-15. Krentz and Pine Breeze Dairies have both received final approvals for their manure/leachate storage, and transfer facilities. Buchholtz’s waterway project is on again. The Natural Heritage concerns were reviewed and it was determined that no further study was needed. Josh has signed up more landowners for nutrient management and obtained extra grant monies from Kewaunee County to cover those. Stream Monitoring will continue in 2015 with assistance from UWSP. DNR is looking into funding to aid with expenses for volunteers. DATCP hasn’t commented on the Farmland Preservation Plan yet, but it is hoped that it will be approved and finalized before year’s end. The local Farm Bureau chapter supported maintaining local staffing grants in the next biennial budget. Ed went through the County’s website highlighting areas of interest to Committee members and Lakes groups. The Lake Management Process has been somewhat slow, and Ed has been working with all parties, but particularly UWSP to see if some of the meetings and turnaround times can be streamlined so results are obtained in a timely manner. Also would like to see some materials condensed so we don’t lose some participants with too many details.

Financial Report—Recent bills/vouchers were reviewed.

Lakes Reports included—Fish Lake in Hancock is looking to dredge the narrows. High permit standards may hinder this.
Bugh’s Lake is having their first official meeting next week. They have worked diligently to get their Lake Management Plan approved to include in their AIS grant application due on December 10th. Preliminary approval has already been given, so hopefully final approval is forthcoming.

RC&D Report—Paul Skawinski left Golden Sands for a position at Wisconsin Lakes, and Jennifer Glad has now resigned, so they will be looking to fill some positions once funding is secure.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Poster Contest Judging/Discussion—There were no entries this year despite efforts to solicit them. Staff and the Committee reviewed the process used to get the word out, and felt it was adequate. Will try again in 2015 and monitor the response.

B. Information and Possible Action on APHIS Requests. None

C. Information and Possible Action on DNR Requests. None

D. Information and Possible Action on CWWP Requests. None

E. Information and Possible Action on NRCS Requests. None. Michelle is still working in Madison, so staff numbers in the Westfield office are very short.

F. Other business as may come before the Committee. Staff is going to discuss spray irrigation for manure spreading, research current regulations at the state level, and survey other counties to see what, if anything, is being done to regulate at a local level. This will be discussed with the Committee next month.

The meeting reconvened with UW-Extension staff.
Minutes taken by DoppPaukstat

UW-Extension entered the meeting at 1:50 pm
Present: Williams, Barker, Schilling, Nehring. Piechowski joined the meeting at 2:03 pm by phone.

Staff Reports: Monthly reports were handed out, discussed and placed on file. A motion by Soria/Rothermel to approve UW-Extension reports. Motion carried.

Contracted Services for Agents: Rothermel/Krentz moved to approve the amended contract for $61,356 with UW-Extension for services of Barker, Nehring, Schilling, Williams. Motion carried.

Hispanic Intern Funds: Krentz/Soria moved to return $2000 (salary) to North Central Regional Office to be used to hire a 4-H Youth Development Intern and
carry over $750 for travel and $1000 for supplies into a designated fund for use in 2015. Motion carried.

4-H Youth Development Backfill funds: Soria/Krentz moved to return $5312 to UW-Extension from the reconciled amount in the contract, as a result of buyouts for Barker (Liaison and Winnebago County) that were unused due to a vacancy in the 4-H Program Advisor positions to be used for staff in 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Krentz/Rothermel to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 pm, Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2015 at 1:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Barker.