The January meeting of the Waushara County Land, Water and Education Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Eckstein at 12 pm on January 3, 2018, in Room 263 of the Waushara County Courthouse.

Members present were: Rothermel, Eckstein, Soria, Krentz arrived at 12:05 pm. Others present included Soltis, Williams, Schilling, Nehring, Hensel-Buntrock, Dampier.

A motion was made by Eckstein, seconded by Soria to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Krentz, seconded by Soria to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried.

Reports were handed out and discussed. Motion by Eckstein, seconded by Soria to approve the monthly reports. Motion carried.

Kapp joined the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Discussion on two Retirement Resolutions for Barker and Williams were discussed and a motion was made by Eckstein, second by Soria to approve and forward them to the County Board. Motion carried.

Updates to the Town of Marion Comprehensive Plan were discussed. A motion was made by Eckstein, second by Soria to approve the updates. Motion carried.

Discussions were held on the Agriculture Extension Educator Update, scheduling a Visioning Session for the upcoming Ag Vacancy and a 2018 MOU Update. No actions were needed.

UW-Extension minutes taken by Dampier.

UW-Extension staff left and Land Conservation entered.

Members present were: Bernadette Krentz, Everett Eckstein, Jerry Rothermel, Enrique Soria, and Mike Kapp. Others present included Ed Hernandez, Todd Wahler, and Barry Benson

Land Conservation Agenda Items

Staff Reports—see attached.
Highlights include: Projects update- Bloomfield wetland restoration project to begin next week.
Nutrient Management continuing to work with landowners on 590 plans, updates, SNAPLUS.
The Central Sands Lake Study (CSLS) scope in now on-line for public review. The Study, Work Plan and Scope are all out for review. Links are provided via the Staff Report.
The Multi Discharge Variance (MDV) application has been submitted. The Fourteenmile Creek Watershed – Adams Co. is taking the lead and developing a standard form for inventories. Ed provided additional updates. County Board Summer Tour has been scheduled for August 21, 2018. It is scheduled to start around 4:30. Properties to be visited are the Thoms, Cohen Rip Rap in Pine River and the Thompsons Manure Stacking Pad. Cooperative Agency Meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2018 in the Demo Room at 9:30 AM and last the LWLWCA Area Meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2018 in Oshkosh. LWRM – Extension request submitted to DATCP. NR 151 5 year self-certifications were mailed out with anticipated 20% check by County. LCD is also putting together the Newsletter and are soliciting articles and photos.

Lakes Reports— Everett received a letter from Chris Von Houghton of Lake Huron regarding excessive Milfoil from out of area boaters to the tune of over $2000 per year. Seeking assistance from Town of Oasis, but were rejected due to Budget restraints. They are now seeking assistance from the County. Ed suggested that they contact the DNR as they do offer grants for this. Everett asked Ed to be the main point of contact for support. Ed will follow-up. Enrique reported that all reports are good from both Porter’s and Pleasant Lake.

Financial Report— 2017 Budget was reviewed. Final 2017 numbers show that Department faired very well despite funding 2 Directors for the past couple of months. Things will be back on track as a new Administrative Specialist will be on board the 22nd of the month. Both revenues and expenses are up slightly but appear to compensate for the other.

RC&D Report—Nothing to report

Wildlife Damage Claims – Barry Benson presented a 2017 Wildlife Damage Report Summary. Several claims have been made amounting to over $25,000. There were 3 highlighted individuals that have unsettled claims. Motion by Soria, Second by Eckstein to approve the report and claims. Motion carried. An additional document was distributed for informational only that depicted additional damage reports but no claims being sought. Ed informed Barry that we need finalization on the 3 outstanding claims as County Accounting is wrapping 2017 financials up.

Text Amendments – Waste Storage Code – Todd Wahler distributed a copy of the text amendment applicable to LWE that is part of the comprehensive Code Amendment Package that is scheduled to go before the Planning & Zoning Committee for referral to a formal Public Hearing in February. Said amendment merely incorporated a date to Standard 313 noted in Section 22. Motion by Soria, Second by Eckstein to approve for referral to the Planning & Zoning Committee. Motion Carried.

NRCS Requests – None

DNR Requests – None
RC&D Requests – None

Land Conservation minutes respectfully submitted by Todd Wahler.

Motion by Soria/Kapp to adjourn the meeting at 2:18. Motion carried.

The next meeting date is scheduled for February 7th, 2018 at 12 noon.