

**LINCOLN COUNTY LAND INFORMATION, CONSERVATION AND
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION COMMITTEE**

**Minutes, Friday, April 7, 2006
Land Resource Center Meeting Room
1106 East 8th Street
Merrill, WI 54452**

Members Present: James Alber, R.Wayne Plant, Ray Bloomer, Curtis Powell, Elroy Schmidt
Members Absent: FSA Representative Rick Dorn
Visitors Present: Diane Hanson, Beryl Vandre Emerich, Amanda Kostman, Brenda Herrell, Tom Cadwallader, Art Lersch, Debbie Moellendorf

1. Call meeting to order

The Land Information, Conservation and University Extension meeting was called to order by Chairman Elroy Schmidt at 10:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from the March 15, 2006 Committee Meeting

Motion by Alber second by Powell to approve Land Information and Conservation minutes of March 15, 2006. Motion carried all ayes.

3. Public Comment

Curt Powell thanked Ray Bloomer and Elroy Schmidt for their contributions to this committee. Ray Bloomer stated that he would like to encourage the future committee members to look at returning the Conservationists focus to land conservation activities versus the current arrangement of supervising land information activities as well as land conservation activities.

Land Information and Conservation

4. Livestock Siting Rule Update

Diane provided a handout of the Livestock Siting rule standards and how our current zoning code addresses those standards. A resolution from the Zoning Committee will be forthcoming at the April County Board meeting stating that Lincoln County will be reviewing these standards and making modifications as needed to comply with this rule.

5. Review and Take Action on Farmland Preservation Agreement application for Hans and Katherine Brietenmoser

Motion by Alber, second by Schmidt to approve Farmland Preservation Agreement application for Hans and Katherine Brietenmoser. Carried all ayes.

6. Addressing Ordinance Update

Diane informed the committee that North Central Regional Planning Commission will be assisting the staff with the drafting of the Addressing Ordinance.

7. Convene into Closed Session for Job Performance Evaluation of County Conservationist per WI Statute 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion by Alber second by Powell to go into closed session with Diane Hanson remaining for closed session. Roll call vote, Bloomer aye, Alber aye, Powell aye, Plant aye and Schmidt aye. Carried all ayes.

8. Reconvene into Open Session

Motion by Alber second by Powell to reconvene into open session.

9. Take action, if necessary on items discussed in closed session

Motion by Powell, second by Plant to approve an exceptional performance evaluation for Conservationist Diane Hanson with the committee's thanks for a job well done. Motion carried all ayes.

UW-Extension

10. Review Extension budget report

Debbie Moellendorf reviewed the February/March expense report which was included in the committee's packet.

11. Discuss/Action on Per Diem for Wayne Plant's participation in Public Issues Leadership Development Conference in Washington DC on April 24-27, 2006

Per the committee's nomination and application materials Wayne submitted, he was chosen to attend the Public Issues Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. The dates for the conference have been changed to April 22 – 26, 2006. Motion by Powell, second by Alber to approve per diem for Wayne Plant to attend the Public Issues Leadership Conference. Motion carried all ayes. Plant abstained from vote.

12. Q & A On Agriculture Development Agent Written Report

Tom Cadwallader's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file. Discussion followed on the Dairyland State Academy progress.

13. Q & A on Community and Economic Development Educator Written Report

Art Lersch's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file. Curt Powell and Jim Alber wanted to thank Art for facilitating the Administrative Structure ad hoc committee.

a. Discuss/Action on "Entrepreneurship Club

Art explained that Dan Kuzlik, CRD Educator from Oneida County, would like to start a regional entrepreneur club and asked Art to consider it. Dan and three other CRD Educators applied for a grant directed at creating entrepreneurial educational events. Art feels that many of the graduates from his NxLevel course would be interested in this club.

Motion by Alber, second by Bloomer to support Art's involvement in this effort. Motion carried all ayes.

b. Discuss/Action on Central District Innovative Grant

Art has again applied for a \$1370 Central District Innovative grant. He plans on using this grant money with the Leadership Lincoln County initiative.

Motion by Schmidt, second by Powell to approve the submission of the application for the Central District Innovative Grant. Motion carried all ayes.

14. Q & A on Family Living Educator Written Report

Brenda Janke's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file. Brenda was unable to attend due to family death.

15. Q & A on Wisconsin Nutrition Education Written Report

Brenda Herrell's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file.

a. Discuss/Action on WNEP County Agreement Letter for October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007

Brenda indicated that she sees no major changes in the 2006-07 County Agreement Letter. However, due to delays with the State WNEP database she was unable to have the final agreement letter for today's meeting. She will be bringing the agreement letter to the May meeting for review and action.

16. Q & A on 4-H Youth Development Program Advisor Written Report

Amanda Kostman's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file.

a. Discuss/Action on Early Intervention grant Proposal

Amanda included a draft proposal for creating some life skills educational opportunities through the Early Intervention Grant dollars that Lincoln County Social Services has received for 2006. This would be in addition to the funds received through this grant to support Teen Court. The Life Skills Educational Opportunities proposal was put together as a result of panel members of Teen Court and Social Service Intake workers identifying a gap in these types of programs for Lincoln County youth.

Motion by Alber, second by Plant to support the grant application. Motion carried all ayes. This proposal will be forwarded to the Social Services Director and Committee for funding consideration.

17. Q& A on 4H Youth Development Agent/Department Head Written Report

Debbie Moellendorf's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file.

18. Next meeting date for UW-Extension

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, May 3rd at 8:30 am.

19. Recognition of Committee Members

The staff from the Land Information and Conservation and UW-Extension Departments recognized committee members for their continuous support and input. Special recognition was given to Elroy Schmidt and Ray Bloomer in view of their retirement from County Board.

20. Adjournment

Motion by Powell, second by Plant to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Motion carried all ayes.

Minutes prepared by: Debbie Moellendorf, Diane Hanson and Beryl Vandre Emerich