

**Lincoln County Land Information, Conservation Committee and University Extension**  
**Minutes of Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 10:00am**  
**Lincoln County Service Center**  
**Lower Level Conference Room 156**  
**801 N Sales Street**  
**Merrill, WI 54452**

Members Present: Ramona Pampuch, Frank Saal, Ray Bloomer, Dave Fox, and FSA Representative Hans Breitenmoer Jr.

Excused Members: Jim Alber

Visitors: Diane Hanson, Debbie Moellendorf, Jeremy Irish, Peggy Lane, Ken Barnett

**1. Call Meeting to Order:**

The Land Information, Conservation & U-W Extension committee meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Fox at 10:00 am.

**2. Approval of Minutes from the November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> 2011 Committee Meetings**

**Motion** by Pampuch second by Saal to approve the minutes from the November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> committee meetings with amendment to November 9<sup>th</sup> minutes to include Alber second to item #6 . Motion carried.

**3. Public comment**

No public comment

**LAND INFORMATION AND CONSERVATION**

**4. Wildlife Damage Program Update – Jeremy Irish, Wildlife Services**

Jeremy provided an update on damage control issues for starlings on feed lots and mink ranches.

**a. Review/Action on 2011 crop prices**

Jeremy reviewed the crop prices to be used for 2011 Wildlife Damage Program claims. **Motion** by Saal second by Fox to approve 2011 crop prices as presented. Motion carried.

**5. Natural Resource Conservation Service Report**

Peggy provided an update on NRCS programs and activities.

**6. Budget Reports/Retained Fee Report**

The budget report and retained fee report were included in agenda packet for committee review.

**7. Department Head Report**

**a. Review/Action on 2010 Map/Copy/Data Prices and Addressing Fees**

Diane reviewed the 2012 map, copy, data and addressing fees. **Motion** by Pampuch second by Fox to approve the map, copy, data and addressing fees. Motion carried.

**b. Review/Action on 2011 cost share carryover request**

Diane reviewed the 2011 cost share carry over request. **Motion** by Fox second by Saal to approve 2011 cost share carryover request. Motion carried

**c. Review/Action on Land & Water Resource Management Cost Share Program Reimbursement Rate & Average costs**

Diane reviewed the LWRM cost share rates and average costs. **Motion** by Fox second by Pampuch to approve the LWRM cost share rates and average costs. Motion carried

**8. Working Land Initiative – Ag Enterprise Area Discussion**

Diane and Hans provided information regarding the WLI and Ag Enterprises areas. Diane would like to sponsor some informational meetings this winter to see if there is any local support from agricultural producers. Discussion followed.

**9. 2012 DATCP Allocation Update**

Diane provided an update on the 2012 DATCP allocation and further reductions. Discussion followed.

**Motion** by Bloomer second by Breitenmoser to sign on to state letter and to have Diane provide additional information to local legislators on opposition to budget cuts regarding the staffing grant issue. Motion carried. Fox nay

**10. Review/Action on Central Staking Inc. Remonumentation Contract**

Diane reviewed the Central Staking Inc. remonumentation contract. **Motion** by Saal second by Bloomer to approve the Central Staking Inc. remonumentation contract. Motion carried.

**11. Q & A on Staff Activity Reports**

The staff activity reports were included in the agenda packet for committee review.

Bloomer left at 11:30am

**UW-EXTENSION**

**12. Review 2011 Extension Budget Report**

The 2011 Extension budget report was included in agenda packet for committee review.

**13. Attendance at Wisconsin Association of County Extension Committees (WACEC) District 3 Conference on January 6, 2012 at the Elizabeth Inn in Plover**

Debbie reviewed the conference information and asked committee members to let her know by next Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> if they plan to attend so she can register them.

#### **14. Ag Educator Position**

Lay over until January committee meeting.

##### **a. Interim Agriculture Educator position**

Debbie introduced Ken Barnett, who is serving as the Interim Ag Educator. Ken provided a brief update on his role in UWEX and current upcoming programs and projects. Debbie provided an update on the Personnel Committee action regarding the interim Ag educator position. Debbie will be working with Tom Schmitz, District Director and others to see what if any services UWEX could provide to Lincoln County in the agriculture program area. Debbie stated that there currently is no capacity within the department to provide assistance in this program area. Discussion followed. This item will be further discussed at the January committee meeting.

##### **b. Memorandum of Understanding with Marathon County on Lincoln/Marathon Agriculture Educator Position**

Debbie requested that this item be laid over until the January 11<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.

##### **c. Position Description for Lincoln and Marathon Agriculture Educator**

Debbie requested that this item be laid over until January 11<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.

#### **REGISTER OF DEEDS**

##### **15. ROD Monthly Munis Report**

The monthly report was included in agenda packet for committee review.

##### **16. ROD Monthly Written Report**

The monthly written report was included in the agenda packet for committee review.

##### **17. Free Birth Certificates for New Voter ID Law Issues**

Sarah provided an update on information regarding free birth certificates for the new voter ID law. The County is still responsible to pay the state portion of the fees required for the certificate.

##### **18. Discuss and Set next Meeting, Date and Time**

Next Land Information, Conservation and UW Extension committee meeting will be held January 11, 2012 at 10:00am.

##### **19. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Pampuch second by Fox to adjourn at 12:25p m. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Diane Hanson, Debbie Moellendorf, Terri Pankow