

Lincoln County Land Information, Conservation Committee and University Extension
Minutes of Wednesday February 17, 2010 8:00am
Lincoln County Service Center
Lower Level Conference Room 156
801 N Sales Street
Merrill, WI 54452

Members Present: Frank Saal, John Bailey, Arlan Anderson, Ramona Pampuch.

Members Excused: Dave Fox

Visitors: Debbie Moellendorf, Art Lersch, Diane Hanson, Sarah Koss, Dan Leydet, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Laurie Groskopf, Rick Weide, Michael Stinebrink

1. Call Meeting to Order:

The Land Information, Conservation & UW-Extension committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Saal at 8:00 am.

2. Discuss and Set next Meeting, Date and Time

The next Land Information, Conservation & UW-Extension Committee meetings will be held March 3, 2010 at 9:00am in the Lincoln County Service Center Lower Level Conference Room.

3. Approval of Minutes from the January 6th, 2010 Committee Meeting

Motion by Anderson second by Pampuch to approve the minutes from the January 6th, 2010 committee meeting. Carried all ayes.

4. No public comment

No public comment

5. Discussion/Action regarding employee reductions in the Land Services Departments – John Bailey

John Bailey discussed the action taken at the January County Board Meeting where a person was reinstated versus a position. John believes the county is setting themselves up for a lawsuit if we focus on people not positions. Discussion followed. Dan Leydet provided the fiscal impacts of bringing the positions back. The committee decided to layover this item until next month. They would like information from Nancy on the legal ramifications of the decision.

UW-EXTENSION

6. Discuss/Action on 2009 Budget Modifications

Debbie reviewed the 2009 budget modifications for the UW-Extension budget. **Motion** by Bailey second by Anderson to approve the 2009 budget modifications. Carried all ayes.

7. Discuss/Action on 2010 Carryover Requests

Debbie reviewed the carryover requests for the UW-Extension budget. **Motion** by Saal second by Pampuch to approve the carryover requests. Carried all ayes.

8. Report from District 3 WACEC meeting on January 8, 2010

Andy Anderson and Debbie Moellendorf provided a report on the meeting to the committee.

9. Discuss/Action on 2010 Contract Between Lincoln County and Board of Regents of the University System

Debbie presented the 2010 contract for the UW-Extension professional staff. **Motion** by Anderson second by Pampuch to forward the resolution to the County Board for approval. Carried all ayes.

10. Discuss/Action on Central District Innovative Grant Proposals

a. **Lincoln County Volunteer Day**

Art shared with the committee information regarding a grant proposal he submitted to help support a Lincoln County Volunteer Day to be held on April 29th. Various agencies/organizations that have volunteer opportunities available will provide information to potential volunteers. Art indicated that the two events held during 2009 have been successful in securing new volunteers for organizations that participated as well as providing an opportunity for networking to occur between volunteer organizations.

b. **4-H On-Line Leadership Training**

Debbie presented information on a grant that Amanda submitted to hire an LTE position to assist in developing on-line leadership training for a variety of the trainings staff provide to both adult and youth volunteers. This will provide an option for volunteers who learn more effectively in this self-pace option or whose schedules do not allow them to participate in group trainings offered by staff to still benefit from these training opportunities. This will also provide refresher and resources for volunteers to reference in their role as needed.

11. Update on Family Living Educator Position

Debbie provided an update on the Family Living Educator position. The posting for the position closed yesterday with preliminary interviews scheduled for March 12th, 2010 in Stevens Point with Tom Schmitz, District Director; Nan Baumgartner, Central District Family Living Program Liaison and Debbie.

a. **Establish Final Interview Date**

The committee set the final interview date for March 30th, 2010 to begin at 9:00am. The schedule for the day will depend on the number of candidates and Debbie will inform the committee of the schedule following the preliminary interviews.

12. Discuss/Action Neville Public Museum Strategic Plan Review Project

Art provided information on a strategic planning project for the Neville Public Museum. All expenses will be taken care of by the museum. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Saal second by Bailey to lay over until next month.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

13. 2009 Year End Update

Sarah provided an update on revenue from 2009, there was a 5% increase. She reviewed her yearend budget report as well

14. Budget Modifications Request

Sarah reviewed the budget modifications. **Motion** by Bailey second by Anderson to approve the 2009 budget modifications. Carried all ayes.

15. Q & A on ROD Monthly Budget Report

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

16. Q & A on ROD Monthly Written Report

The ROD monthly written report was included in the agenda packet for committee review. Sarah report that the document recordings were down 15%.

17. Legislative Update – Senate Bill 507-Flat Fee Proposal

Sarah and Diane provided an update on Senate Bill 507. Discussion followed.

LAND INFORMATION and CONSERVATION

18. Budget Reports/Retained Fee Report

The budget reports and retained fees were included in the agenda packet for committee review.

19. Discuss/Action on 2009 Budget Modifications

Diane reviewed the 2009 budget modifications. **Motion** by Bailey second by Pampuch to approve the 2009 budget modifications. Carried all ayes.

20. Discuss/Action on 2009 to 2010 Carryover Requests

Diane reviewed the carryover requests. **Motion** by Pampuch second by Saal to approve the carryover requests. Carried all ayes.

21. Discussion/take action on resolution regarding wolf population goals – John Bailey/Laurie Groskopf

John Bailey presented information concerning the over population of wolves especially in Northern Lincoln County. Town of Harrison has passed a resolution regarding this issue and he would like the county to pursue some sort of resolution.

Discussion followed with input from DNR Wildlife Biologist, Rick Weide, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Laurie Groskopf.

Motion by Bailey second by Pampuch to approve resolution as presented by Laurie Groskopf and forward to County Board.

Motion by Saal second by Pampuch to amend the resolution as follows: Therefore be it resolved that the Lincoln County Board advises the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources set reasonable wolf population goals in the next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf Plan. Motion to amend carried all ayes. Motion to approve resolution as amended carried all ayes.

22. Review and take action on Natural Resource Conservation Service Section 1619 Compliance Document (Freedom of Information Act Requirements)

Michael Stinebrink reviewed the compliance document. Diane provided input on how this impacts the working relationship between the County and NRCS. **Motion** by Saal second Bailey to approve the Section 1619 compliance document. Carried all ayes.

23. Program Updates

a. Orthophoto Consortium Update

1. Review and take action on Agreement for Professional Services for 2010 Digital Orthphotos

Motion by Bailey second by Pampuch to approve the contract. Carried all ayes.

24. Q & A on Staff Activity Reports

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

25. Department Head Report

a. Update on 2010 DATCP Allocation Plan

Diane provided an update on the 2010 DATCP allocation for staffing funding.

b. Legislative Update – NR 151 Administrative Code Rewrite

Diane reviewed the changes to NR151and that she will be forwarding comments to DNR.

26. Adjournment

Motion by Bailey second by Pampuch to adjourn at 11:15 am. Carried all ayes.

Minutes prepared by Diane Hanson, Debbie Moellendorf, and Terri Pankow.