

Lincoln County Land Information, Conservation Committee and University Extension
Minutes of Wednesday February 8th, 2012 10:00am
Lincoln County Service Center
Lower Level Conference Room 156
801 N Sales Street
Merrill, WI 54452

Members Present: Jim Alber, Ramona Pampuch, Frank Saal, Ray Bloomer, Dave Fox, and FSA Representative Hans Breitenmoser Jr.
Visitors: Diane Hanson, Debbie Moellendorf, Sarah Koss, Art Lersch, Nancy Bergstrom

1. Call Meeting to Order:

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

2. Approval of Minutes from the January 11th, 2012 Committee Meeting

Motion by Bloomer second by Saal to approve the minutes from the January 11th committee meeting. Motion carried.

3. Public comment

No public comment

Pampuch and Fox arrived at 10:05am

UW-EXTENSION

4. Discuss/Action on 2012 Contract Between Lincoln County and Board of Regent of the University of Wisconsin System

Debbie distributed the contract and resolution regarding the contract. Debbie informed the committee that they will be going to the March Personnel Committee meeting regarding the Shared Ag Educator position therefore they will wait until March to take this to County Board. Alber brought up the issue of a modification to the contract outlining that the County hiring procedure be followed for vacant positions. Nancy explained the process and reasons for the modifications she requested to the contract. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Bloomer to send interim position to County Board motion failed due to lack of a second. **Motion** by Alber second by Pampuch to approve 2012 contract and resolution with the ag agent position included in the contract. Discussion followed. After discussion Alber and Pampuch agreed to withdraw motion. **Motion** by Pampuch second by Saal to layover 2012 contract until the March committee meeting. Motion carried with Alber voting nay.

11:05 5 min recess Nancy Bergstrom left the meeting at this time.

5. Shared Lincoln and Marathon County Ag Development Educator Position

a. Memorandum of Understanding Between University of Wisconsin –Extension and Lincoln and Marathon Counties for Sharing a Cooperative Extension Agriculture Development Educator

Debbie reviewed the memorandum of understanding. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Alber second by Pampuch to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Motion carried.

b. Position Description for Lincoln and Marathon Agriculture Educator

Debbie reviewed the position description for the Ag Educator position. **Motion** by Pampuch second by Bloomer to approve the position description. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

6. Information on Pay Forward Cards

Alber provided information on Pay Forward cards as a possible fundraising service for clubs.

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7. Wildlife Damage Program Update – Jeremy Irish, Wildlife Services

a. Review/Action on 2011 claims

Jeremy was unable to attend so Diane reviewed the 2011 claims. **Motion** by Alber second by Saal to approve Wildlife Damage Program claims as presented. Motion carried with Bloomer voting nay.

8. Budget Reports/Retained Fee Report

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

9. Department Head Report

a. Update on office consolidation

Diane provided an update on the office consolidation and informed the committee that she is updating position descriptions to reflect the changes in duties that have occurred due to the consolidation.

b. Update on Lake Nokomis Lake District Formation

A second public hearing on the formation of a Lake District on Lake Nokomis was held on February 4th in Tomahawk. The majority of the testimony appeared to be favor of the district. The Oneida County Board will take action on this issue at their February meeting. A letter was received from a landowner on Lake Nokomis living in Lincoln County asking as to consider an advisory letter to the Oneida County Board. Discussion followed.

c. Update on 2012 DATCP Allocation and 2013 DATCP Grant Application

Diane provided the committee with information on the 2012 allocation and the 2013 grant process. DATCP is making adjustments and changes with limited county input which is of significant concern. Diane will be providing an update at next month's meeting.

10. Q & A on Staff Activity Reports

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

REGISTER OF DEEDS

11. ROD Monthly Munis Report

Sarah reviewed the munis report. The monthly munis report was included in agenda packet for committee review.

12. ROD Monthly Written Report

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

13. Discuss and Set next Meeting, Date and Time

Next Land Information, Conservation and UW Extension committee meeting will be held March 14 and April 11th, 2012 at 10:00am.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Alber second by Pampuch to adjourn at 12:20 p m. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Diane Hanson, Debbie Moellendorf, Terri Pankow