

Lincoln County Land Information, Conservation Committee and University Extension
Minutes of Wednesday May 9th, 2012 10:00am
Lincoln County Service Center
Lower Level Conference Room 156
801 N Sales Street
Merrill, WI 54452

Members Present: Frank Saal, James Alber, Ramona Pampuch, R.Wayne Plant, Hans Breitenmoser Jr.

Visitors: Diane Hanson, Debbie Moellendorf, Sarah Koss, Art Lersch, Tammy Hansen, Bonnie Rudie, Amanda Kostman

1. Call Meeting to Order:

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

2. Election of Officer

a. Chair

Jim called for nominations for Chair. Jim Alber and Frank Saal were nominated. Nominations were closed and a vote was taken with Jim receiving 2 votes and Frank receiving 3 votes. Committee Chair is Frank Saal.

b. Vice Chair

Frank called for nominations for Vice Chair. Jim Alber and R. Wayne Plant were nominated. Plant did not accept the nomination. **Motion** by Pampuch second by Plant to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Alber. Motion carried.

c. Secretary

Frank called for nominations for Secretary. Ramona Pampuch was nominated. **Motion** Saal second by Breitenmoser to close nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Ramona Pampuch. Motion carried.

Motion by Saal second by Plant to destroy ballots. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes from the April 11th, 2012 Committee Meeting

Motion by Saal second by Pampuch to approve the minutes from the April 11th, 2012 committee meeting. Motion carried.

4. Public comment

No public comment

LAND INFORMATION AND CONSERVATION

5. Update on Wisconsin Grazing Initiative Conference-James Alber

Jim provided an update on the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, funding issues related to GCCI and collaborative projects. Discussion followed.

6. Appoint representatives to:

a. North Central Land and Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA)

Alber nominated Pampuch to be NCLWCA delegate. **Motion** by Saal second by Breitenmoser for Pampuch as delegate. Motion carried. **Motion** by Saal second by Breitenmoser to nominate Alber as alternate. Motion carried.

b. Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D)

Motion by Alber second by Saal to have Plant as delegate and Breitenmoser as alternate. Motion carried.

c. Lake Districts

Motion by Plant second by Breitenmoser to have Saal serve as representative to Lake Districts. Motion carried.

d. Land Services Group

Motion by Breitenmoser second by Saal to have Plant serve as the Land Services group designee for Lincoln County. Motion carried.

7. 2012 Soil & Water Resource Management Contract

Motion by Pampuch second by Plant to approve 2012 grant contract. Motion carried.

8. Department Head Report

a. Impaired Waters List Update

Diane provided an update on the most recent changes to the Wisconsin impaired waters list due to the new phosphorus standard and the water bodies in Lincoln County that are affected. Discussion followed

b. Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association Update

Diane updated the committee on the merger of WLWCA and WALCE and how it effects the area association elections.

c. Update on office structure/revisions and job description update

Diane updated the committee on the latest organizational chart for the consolidated department and informed them that all job descriptions for all staff need to be revised by the end of May. She stated that job descriptions for the LICD Technician and Conservation Specialist had already been updated due to the additional duties in providing assistance to zoning programs.

d. Update on Tri County Aquatic Invasives Project

Diane explained the Tri County AIS Project to the committee and stated that John Preuss has been hired as the new AIS Coordinator to replace Chris Hamerla. She also explained that the 3 counties would like to proceed with extending the project so a Diane will be compiling a grant application which will be submitted before the August 1, 2012 grant deadline.

24. Discuss and Set next Meeting, Date and Time

The committee discussed setting a consistent day/week for committee meetings and the second Wednesday of the month was designated as the day/week for committee meetings. For June, staff and some committee members have a conflict so the meeting will be held June 6th, 2012 at 10:00am

UW-EXTENSION

9. Review 2012 Extension Budget Report

Debbie provided overview of the 2012 budget report that was included in agenda packet for committee review.

10. Discuss/Action on 2013 Department Budget

Motion by Alber second by Pampuch to approve preliminary UW-Extension department budget authorizing department head to make an adjustment to agent contract line item when information becomes available from the University. Motion carried.

11. Update on Shared Lincoln and Marathon County Ag Development Educator Position

Debbie shared that the position has been posted and applications will be accepted until June 5th. She then reviewed the steps in the process that will occur after that date and arrangements for final interviews tentatively set to be held on July 11th in Lincoln County.

12. 2012 State WACEC Conference, June 25-26, 2012 in Green Bay

Debbie reminded committee members about the upcoming conference and that registrations are due May 24th. Committee members should contact Debbie if they need assistance with registrations.

13. Local Centennial Celebration Planning and Resolution

Debbie reviewed plans for our local celebration to be held on Tuesday, October 16th.

14. Discuss Barn Quilts and Hidden History Mural Trails from January District WACEC Meeting

Jim shared information about the Marquette County Barn Quilt and Hidden History Mural he learned about at the January District WACEC Meeting. Bonnie and Debbie are sharing this with various local groups to see if there is interest in initiating this project in Lincoln County

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

The Community and Economic Development Educator's written report was included in agenda packet for committee review. Art provided highlights and answered questions committee members had.

16. Q&A on Family Living Educator Written Report

The Family Living Educator written report was included in agenda packet for committee review. Bonnie provided highlights and answered questions the committee had.

17. Q&A on Wisconsin Nutrition Education Written Report

The Wisconsin Nutrition Education written report was included in agenda packet for committee review. Tammy provided highlights and answered questions committee members had.

a. Discussion/Action on WNEP County Agreement letter for October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2012

Tammy reviewed the WNEP County Agreement letter for October 1, 2012-September 30, 2013 grant. **Motion** by Saal second by Alber for approval of the agreement letter. Motion carried.

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

Amanda distributed her written report at the committee meeting and provided highlights.

a. Update on Central District Innovative Grant and New Program Innovation Grant Proposal

Amanda shared that she has been awarded the Central District Innovative grant for \$1,998 that she applied for in March. The purpose of the grant is to expand the promotion of UW-Extension programs through technology and Facebook.

Alber left at noon.

b. Facebook in County Communications presentation by Amanda

Amanda shared an abbreviated version of the session she taught on "Using Facebook in County Communications" at the January District WACEC Conference. She also shared the poster session she did on this same topic at the JCEP Conference in April.

19. Q&A on 4-H Youth Development Educator/Department Head Written Report

The 4-H Youth Development Educator/Department Head written report was included in the agenda packet for committee review. Debbie provided highlights and answered questions committee members had.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

20. Q&A on Administrative/Statutory Duties provided for new Committee Members

Sarah provided a copy of the statutory duties in the agenda packet for committee review.

21. Register of Deeds 2012 Preliminary Budget

Motion by Saal second by Pampuch to approve 2013 preliminary budget for Register of Deeds. Motion carried.

22. Q&A on ROD Monthly Munis Report

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

23. Q&A on ROD Monthly Written Report

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

25. Adjournment

Motion by Saal second by Breitenmoser to adjourn at 1:00 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Diane Hanson, Debbie Moellendorf, Terri Pankow