

Lincoln County Land Information, Conservation Committee and University Extension
Minutes of Wednesday June 6th, 2012 10:00am
Lincoln County Service Center
Lower Level Conference Room 156
801 N Sales Street
Merrill, WI 54452

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

Excused Members: James Alber

Visitors: Diane Hanson, Debbie Moellendorf, Randy Scholz, Tom Schmitz, Bonnie Rudie, Marge Johnson

1. Call Meeting to Order:

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

2. Approval of Minutes from the May 9th, 2012 Committee Meeting

Motion by Plant second by Saal to approve the minutes from the May 9th committee meeting. Motion carried.

Moved to agenda item #4 to allow Randy to discuss the process for agenda item #3 with Nancy Bergstrom

4. Public comment

No public comment

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5. Update on 2012 Department Budget

Since the final number for the 2013 UW Extension budget figures from Madison were not yet available, Debbie had nothing further to report.

6. Update on Shared Lincoln and Marathon County Ag Development Educator Position and Plans for Final Interviews

Applications for the Ag Development Educator position were due this past Monday and applications are now being screened with initial interviews scheduled for June 21st and with final interviews July 11th.

Randy returned to the meeting and the committee moved back to agenda item #3

3. Re-election for committee Vice Chair-James Alber

Randy contacted Jim Alber and he would like to move forward with resignation as Vice Chair for this committee. **Motion** by Breitenmoser second by Pampuch to nominate Wayne Plant for vice chair and close nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Plant as Vice Chair. Motion carried.

7. Family Living Educator Position

Bonnie announced her resignation/retirement as of August 31, 2012. She then reviewed her accomplishments during her time in Lincoln County. Tom Schmitz discussed moving forward in re-filling the position. Randy reviewed the current budget situation, so he currently cannot support refilling this position. Discussion followed on having Amanda Kostman fill the interim family living educator, funding, and budget issues. By consensus the committee supported having Amanda fill the position in the interim.

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8. Budget Reports/Retained Fee Report

Diane reviewed the budget and retained fee reports. The budget report and retained fee report were included in agenda packet for committee review.

9. Review/Action on 2013 budget proposals

a. Land Conservation: Diane reviewed the 2013 Land Conservation program budget with the committee.

b. Land Information: Diane reviewed the 2013 Land Information program budget with the committee.

c. Tax Assessment and Tax Description: Marge Johnson reviewed the 2013 Tax Assessment and Tax Description budgets with the committee.

d. Surveyor: Diane reviewed the 2013 Surveyors budget with the Committee.

Motion by Breitenmoser second by Plant to approve all the budgets as presented. Motion carried.

10. Request mileage and per diem for committee members appointed to various associations/groups per May, 2012 committee meeting – Frank Saal

Frank discussed taking action to allow committee mileage and per diem for attendance at meetings related to committee member appointments to other associations per the May, 2012 Committee meeting. **Motion** by Saal second by Breitenmoser to approve mileage and per diem for various committee members attendance at meetings related to committee appointments. Motion carried.

11. Review/Action on LWRM cost share agreement(s)

Diane reviewed the cost share agreement for Phil and Kelly Natzke. **Motion** by Pampuch second by Breitenmoser to approve cost share agreement for Phil and Kelly Natzke. Motion carried.

12. Department Head Report

a. Tri County AIS Project Resolution

Diane informed the committee that she will be reapplying for an AIS grant to continue the Tri County AIS project. As part of the grant application requirements, a resolution is needed to authorize Diane to apply for the grant. **Motion** by Saal second by Plant to approve the resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried.

b. Wildlife Damage Program Update

Diane informed the committee that cougars are now an eligible species for the Wildlife Damage Program. She also provided an update on the number of deer donated through the Venison Donation Program in Lincoln County.

c. North Central Land and Water Conservation Association meeting

Diane informed the committee of a meeting this Friday in Antigo. She also informed them of the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association Annual Meeting this October.

13. Q & A on Staff Activity Reports

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

14. Discuss and Set next Meeting, Date and Time

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

15. Adjournment

Motion by Pampuch second by Breitenmoser to adjourn at 11:50am. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Diane Hanson, Debbie Moellendorf, Terri Pankow