

Lincoln County Land Information, Conservation Committee and University Extension
Minutes of Wednesday March 11, 2009 9:00am
Lincoln County Service Center
Lower Level Conference Room 156
801 N Sales Street – Suite 105
Merrill, WI 54452

Members Present: Frank Saal, John Bailey, Dave Fox, Carl Short, Arlan Anderson and FSA Representative Hans Breitenmoser Jr.
Visitors: Diane Hanson, Debbie Moellendorf, Sarah Koss, Wayne Plant and Marge Johnson

1. Call Meeting to Order:

The Land Information, Conservation & UW-Extension committee meeting was called to order by Chair Saal at 9:05am.

2. Discuss and Set next Meeting, Date and Time

The next Land Information, Conservation & UW-Extension Committee meetings will be held April 22, 2009 and May 6, 2009 at 9:00am in the Lincoln County Service Center Lower Level Conference Room.

3. Approval of Minutes from the February 11, 2009 Committee Meetings

Motion by Bailey second by Short to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2009 committee meeting. Carried all ayes.

4. No public comment

Introductions were made and Hans Breitenmoser introduced himself as the new Farm Service Agency Representative for the committee.

UW-EXTENSION

5. Report on District 3 Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees (WACEC) Annual Meeting held January 9, 2009 by Wayne Plant

Wayne Plant provided an overview of the District 3 WACEC Annual Meeting he attended. He read the report he provided that day as the First Vice President for WACEC District 3, questions that were asked of local legislatures present during the panel, and the afternoon educational sessions offered by staff throughout the district. Both Debbie and Tom were involved in teaching sessions at this meeting. As a former committee member, he encouraged current committee members to participate in district and state WACEC functions. He found these experiences very beneficial and brought information back to Lincoln County.

6. Review and Take Action on 2008 Budget Modification

Debbie reviewed the 2008 budget modifications. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Saal second by Bailey to approve the 2008 budget modification. Carried all ayes.

7. Review and Take Action on 2008 Carryover Requests

Debbie reviewed the 2008 carryover request. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Bailey second by Saal to approve the 2008 Carryover requests. Carried all ayes.

LAND INFORMATION AND CONSERVATION

8. Budget Reports/Retained Fee Report

Diane reviewed the Budget Reports and Retained Fee report with the committee. The budget reports and retained fee report were included in the agenda packet for review.

Arlan Anderson arrived at 9:45am

9. Q&A on Staff Activity Reports

Diane reviewed the Staff Activity reports with the committee. The staff activity reports were included in agenda packet for review. The surveyor activity report was distributed at the committee meeting. Committee members asked questions of staff.

10. Grazing Land Conservation Initiatives Update-Jim Alber

Jim was unable to attend. Diane reviewed information regarding the state & federal budget initiatives related to grazing lands. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Saal second by Anderson to send a letter to state and federal representatives in support of budget initiatives related to grazing. Carried all ayes.

11. Discuss and Take Action on copy charges related tax assessment

Marge presented information regarding documents that she is required to provide to the towns and cities and other documents that she provides. She presented this information to the committee due to the cost of printing these documents and the possibility of charging these costs back to the cities and towns. Discussion followed. Marge will be asking the towns and cities about what documents they use and study costs of printing these documents for the towns and cities. This issue will be brought back to the April committee meeting for further discussion.

Recess 5 min 10:45am

12. Department Head Report

a. Update on 2009 Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Allocation Plan

Diane updated the committee on the status of the 2009 Allocation Plan. Funding levels for 2009 were not reduced and the allocation plan should be final by the end of March.

b. Update on 2010 Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Application

Diane updated the committee on proposed funding reductions for the 2010 state grant funds. Discussion followed.

c. Update on Orthophoto Consortium

Diane provided an update of the status of the Letter of Intent for participation in the orthophoto consortium.

d. Update on parcel mapping and remonumentation projects

Diane provided the committee with an update of the parcel mapping and remonumentation projects. A RFP for remonumentation work in the Towns of Harding and Tomahawk has been distributed. A RFP for parcel mapping for the towns of Rock Falls, Harding and Tomahawk will be developed and distributed this spring.

13. Q & A on Agency Reports (NRCS, DNR, etc.)

The NRCS activity report was included in the agenda packet for committee to review.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

14. Q & A on Monthly Budget Report

The Register of Deeds Monthly Budget Report was included in the agenda packet for review.

15. Q & A on Monthly Written Report

The Register of Deeds monthly written report was included in the agenda packet for review. The committee asked questions to Sarah regarding her report.

16. Review and Take Action on resolution supporting change in State Legislation permitting Register of Deeds recording fees to be changed for "Per Page" fees to "Flat" fees.

Sarah reviewed the resolution and supporting documentation with the committee. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Short second by Anderson to approve the resolution and forward to county board. Carried all ayes.

17. Adjournment

Motion by Anderson second by Bailey to adjourn at 11:30 am. Carried all ayes.

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