

Lincoln County Land Information, Conservation Committee and University Extension
Minutes of Wednesday May 6, 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, Arlan Anderson

Visitors: Diane Hanson, Debbie Moellendorf, Tom Cadwallader, Peggy Klammer, Wayne Klammer, Terri Eirich, Joni Jackson, Paul Jackson, Tom Kuehn, Bill Zietz, Kathy Gruetzmacher, Andrew Wissell, Marge Johnson, Sarah Koss, and Terri Pankow

1. Call Meeting to Order:

The Land Information, Conservation & UW-Extension committee meeting was called to order by Chair Saal at 9:00 am.

2. Discuss and Set next Meeting, Date and Time

The next Land Information, Conservation & UW-Extension Committee meetings will be held Monday June, 8 2009 at 9:00am in the Lincoln County Service Center Lower Level Conference Room.

3. Approval of Minutes from the April 22, 2009 Committee Meetings

Motion by Saal second by Anderson to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2009 committee meeting. Carried all ayes.

4. No public comment

Bill Zietz asked how Chair Saal was going to handle public input for the discussion of agenda item number 5. Zietz wanted to ensure that the citizens in attendance were allowed to voice their concerns. Peggy Klammer stated that she was in attendance to learn more about HR875 – agenda item number 5

UW-EXTENSION

5. Discuss/Action on County Board Resolution 2009-04-24-Resloution Supporting Local Farming, Home Gardens & Local Farmer's Markets and Opposing Federal Legislation that Would Destroy American Freedom to Raise Good Food referred to UW-Extension Committee on April 21st

Chair Saal opened the floor for discussion regarding this item. Supervisor Anderson requested that Tom Cadwallader open this discussion as the committee had requested he provide information. Tom then provided information that he found regarding the proposed federal legislation (HR875). Chair Saal then opened the floor for discussion/comments from committee members and visitors present. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Anderson second by Bailey to refer this resolution to the local Farmer's Market for modification and be brought back to the committee. Supervisor Bailey withdrew his second to allow for further discussion on the agenda item.

Discussion continued with Bill Zietz proposing that there was consensus in support of the resolution with the following modifications:

- In the fourth whereas paragraph, the sentence would end with "agribusiness giants." Eliminating the reference to specific corporations.
- In the second therefore paragraph, add HR759 to the list of legislation.
- An additional therefore would be added indicating that family farms, home production facilities would be exempt from legislation. Bill Zietz offered to draft this additional paragraph.

Motion by Fox second by Bailey to pass the resolution with modifications proposed by Zietz to County Board to be forwarded onto our federal representatives. Carried all ayes.

Supervisor Fox left the meeting at 10:45am

6. Discuss/Action on State Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees, Inc. (WACEC) Annual Conference to be held on June 15-16, 2009 in LaCrosse

Debbie provided the committee with a listing of the concurrent workshops to be held on Tuesday morning of the conference. **Motion** by Anderson second by Saal to provide per diem and cover expenses for any committee members who wish to attend the conference. Carried all ayes.

7. Continue 2010 Department Budget Planning

Debbie reviewed and answered questions regarding the proposed 2010 department budget. Due to issues with the MUNIS software, unable to provide the committee members with a budget that includes notes regarding each item. Plan to do this for June committee meeting

8. Discuss/Approve 2009 Budget Modifications

Debbie explained the proposed budget modifications for the 2009 budget. The modifications are to transfer former copier budget line items to current printing allocation line item; and to increase revenue and expenditure accounts where the department has received grants and donations for programs. **Motion** by Bailey second by Anderson to approve the 2009 budget modifications as presented. Carried all ayes.

LAND INFORMATION AND CONSERVATION

9. Budget Reports/Retained Fee Report

Diane reviewed the Budget Reports and Retained Fee report with the committee. The budget reports were included in the agenda packet for review. The Retained Fee report was handed out at the meeting.

10. 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.

11. Review and Take Action on 2009 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Contract

Diane reviewed the Soil and Water Resource Management Grant contract with the committee. **Motion** by Bailey second by Anderson to approve the 2009 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant contract. Carried all ayes.

12. Review and Take Action on 2010 Land Information and Conservation Department Budgets (Surveyors, Tax Description/Assessment, Land Conservation, and Land Records)

Diane reviewed the 2010 Surveyor, Land Records and Land Conservation budgets with the committee. Marge reviewed the 2010 Tax Description and Assessment with the committee. **Motion** by Saal second by Anderson to approve the 2010 budgets. Carried all ayes.

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

No agency reports.

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. .

16. Review 2008 Annual Report

Sarah reviewed the 2008 Annual report with the committee.

17. Adjournment

Motion by Anderson second by Saal to adjourn at 11:50. Carried all ayes.

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