

Lincoln County Land Information, Conservation Committee and University Extension
Minutes of Wednesday November 12, 2008 1:30pm
Lincoln County Service Center
Lower Level Conference Room 156
801 N Sales Street – Suite 105
Merrill, WI 54452

Members Present: Frank Saal, R.Wayne Plant, John Bailey

Members Excused: Carl Short, Dave Fox and FSA Representative Rick Dorn

Visitors: Diane Hanson, Debbie Moellendorf, Jeremy Irish, Michael Stinebrink, 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 1:30pm.

2. Discuss and Set next Meeting, Date and Time

The next Land Information, Conservation & UW-Extension Committee meetings will be held December 3, 2008 at 9:00am in the Lincoln County Service Center Lower Level Conference Room

3. Approval of Minutes from the October 15th, 2008 Committee Meetings

Motion by Saal second by Plant to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2008 committee meeting. Carried all ayes.

4. Public Comment

No public comment

UW – EXTENSION

5. Discuss and Take Action on Amendment to 133 Contract between Lincoln County and Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System

Moellendorf indicated that Nancy Bergstrom, Corporation Counsel has been working with Chris Ashley, Senior Legal Counsel for the UW System regarding some changes to the 133 contracts. Nancy has requested that we change from a contract that follows the State fiscal year (July 1 to June 30th) to one that follows the County fiscal year (January 1 to December 31) and that language be added indicating that the county process will be followed in filling vacancies for positions covered under this contract. To make the transition to the new time frame, the contract being presented is for the last six months of 2008. **Motion** by Saal second by Plant to approve the 133 Contract Amendment for July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. Motion carried all ayes.

6. Discuss and Take Action on District 3 WACEC Annual Meeting, Officers, Resolutions and Questions for Legislators

Supervisor Plant updated the committee members on planning he is involved in for the upcoming District 3 WACEC meeting to be held on January 9th in Stevens Point. Committee members should send Wayne or Debbie any questions that they would like asked during the legislative panel by November 14th.

7. Discuss and Take Action on District 3 WACEC Public Issues Leadership Development Conference Delegate Nominations(s)

Supervisor Plant reminded committee members that nominations are being sought for a one year position for Representative Dave Obey's district to attend the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference in Washington D.C. in April 2009. Nominations are due by November 14th.

8. Distribute 2008-09 WACEC Membership Directory (included in committee packet)

Moellendorf indicated that the Dean's office had requested that she distribute the updated WACEC Directory to committee members.

9. Update on Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program Educator Position

Moellendorf reported on behalf of Tammy Hanson, the WNEP Coordinator for Marathon and Lincoln Counties, that the 50% time WNEP Educator position for Lincoln County has been posted and advertised. The costs for this position are covered through the federal grant that the University receives to operate the WNEP program statewide. The positions close on Monday, November 17th and plan to hold interviews during the last week of November/first week of December.

a. Discuss and Take Action on Committee Member Serving on Interview Committee

Moellendorf indicated that Tammy, Brenda Janke and she would be serving as the interview committee but wanted to offer the opportunity for a committee member to serve on the committee. The committee members were comfortable having the staff proceed with interviews and did not feel it was necessary to have a committee member present.

Moved to Item 13 to accommodate visitor

13. Program Updates

a. Review and Take Action on the 2008 crop prices for Wildlife Damage Program Claims – Jeremy Irish

Jeremy reviewed the 2008 crop prices for Wildlife Damage Program claims with the committee. Crop price list were included in agenda packet for committee review. **Motion** by Saal second by Bailey to approve the 2008 crop prices for Wildlife Damage Program Claims. Carried all ayes.

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10. Budget Reports/Retained Fee Report

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

11. 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.

12. Department Head Report

a. Nutrient Management Grant Program

Diane reviewed the Nutrient Management Grant Program with the committee.

b. Review and Take Action on Operational Agreement between Lincoln County and USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

Diane reviewed the Operational Agreement between Lincoln County and USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service with the committee. **Motion** by Plant second by Bailey to approve the Operational Agreement between Lincoln County and USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

c. Review and Take Action on Land and Water Resource Management Cost Share Agreement(s)

Diane reviewed the cost share agreements with the committee. There were 7 cost share agreements for committee review. They were for: James & Diane Alber, Tim & Donna Barkley, Brad & Carla Juedes, City View Land Development LLC, Bruce & Mary Klug, Corey & Heather Marheine and Kenneth Hoffman. **Motion** by Bailey second by Plant to approve the cost share agreements as presented. Carried all ayes.

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

Michael updated the committee on his activities.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

15. Q & A on Register of Deeds Monthly Budget Report

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

16. Approve Register of Deeds 2008 Budget Modification for Transfer Fee Revenue

Sarah reviewed the 2008 Budget Modification for Transfer Fee Revenue with the committee. **Motion** by Bailey second by Plant to approve the 2008 Budget Modification for Transfer Fee Revenue. Carried all ayes.

17. Adjournment

Motion by Saal second by Plant to adjourn at 2:47pm. Carried all ayes.

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