

Lincoln County Land Information, Conservation Committee and University Extension
Minutes of Wednesday October 13, 2010 10:00am
Lincoln County Service Center
Lower Level Conference Room 107
801 N Sales Street
Merrill, WI 54452

Members Present: James Alber, Frank Saal, Ray Bloomer, Ramona Pampuch and FSA Representative Hans Breitenmoser Jr.

Members Excused Absent: Dave Fox

Visitors: Art Lersch, Jeremy Irish, Bonnie Rudie, Debbie Moellendorf, Tom Cadwallader, Bill Zeitz, Diane Hanson, Amanda Kostman, Lori Lemke, Caroline Lemke, Sandy Thurs, Dale Christiansen, Hayley Schoeppler, Holly Schoeppler

1. Call Meeting to Order:

The Land Information, Conservation & UW-Extension committee meeting was called to order by Chair Alber at 10:03 am.

2. Discuss and Set next Meeting, Date and Time

The next Land Information, Conservation & UW-Extension Committee meetings will be held November 10th and December 8th 2010 at 10:00 am in the Lincoln County Service Center Lower Level Conference Room.

3. Approval of Minutes from the September 8th, 2010 Committee Meeting

Motion by Alber second by Saal to approve the minutes from the September 8th, 2010 committee meeting. Motion carried.

4. No public comment

Bill Zeitz had requested a copy of legislation on premise ID, and has not received it. His question was on the law and the impact on the 4-H Fair. Discussion followed on the last meeting and who was to provide this information to Mr Zeitz. Zeitz would be satisfied to receive information before next meeting and have this item be placed on next month agenda.

5. Discuss Length and Format of Committee meeting

Bloomer suggested that we have UW-Extension one month then Land Information & Conservation the next month. Saal discussed the background of how meetings were handled in the past. Discussion followed on meeting, format, staff attendance, etc.

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6. Overview of Family Living Educator Program Direction

Bonnie provided an update on programs that she is currently focusing on in Lincoln County, specifically on poverty issues and parenting issues.

7. Discuss/Action on Educational Program Related to Numerous Food Safety Bills including Senate Bill 510 FDA Food Safety Modernization Act

Tom provided information on the bill, the status of bill and all federal bills related to food safety. Tom also discussed what the committees and staffs role was in discussion related to food safety or any other federal legislation. Tom stated that anyone can contact him to get information on laws and he would provide them with whatever information he has available. Bill Zietz provided information on a resolution that was passed by the County last year and reemphasized the position the County took last year and he would like to update the resolution with the current legislation numbers. Discussion followed. Alber suggested that a letter be compiled to the legislators. **Motion** by Saal second by Alber to draft a letter of support and bring back to committee next month. Motion carried.

LAND INFORMATION and CONSERVATION

8. Budget Reports/Retained Fee Report

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

9. Review / Take Action on Budget Modifications

Diane explained the budget modification for the Wildlife Damage Program. **Motion** by Breitenmoser second by Pampuch to approve the budget modification for Wildlife Damage Program. Motion carried.

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

Diane reviewed the cost share agreements for Bob Johnson and Nate Weisenfeld for nutrient management. **Motion** by Saal second by Breitenmoser to approve cost share agreements. Motion carried.

11. Wildlife Damage Program

a. Review/Action on 2011 Wildlife Damage Program Budget

Jeremy reviewed the 2011 Wildlife Damage Program budget. **Motion** by Bloomer second by Pampuch to approve the 2011 Wildlife Damage Program budget. Motion carried.

12. Department Head Report

b. Review/Action on 2010-2015 Land and Water Resource Management Plan

Diane reviewed the 2010-2015 Land and Water Resource Management Plan. **Motion** by Bloomer second by Breitenmoser to hold public hearing on Land and Water Resource Plan at November 10th Land Information & Conservation committee meeting. Motion carried.

c. Review /Action on attendance at WLWCA Annual Conference

Motion by Alber second by Bloomer to approve committee attendance at WLWCA annual Conference. Motion carried.

13. Q & A on Staff Activity Reports

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

REGISTER OF DEEDS

14. Q & A on Monthly Budget Report

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

15. Q & A on Monthly Written Report

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

Recess for Lunch

Motion by Bloomer second by Alber to recess at 12:12 pm. Motion carried.

Reconvene at 1:00pm

Chair Alber reconvened the meeting at 1:10pm

16. Discuss goal Setting and Outcome for 2011 Fair

Debbie Moellendorf provided an overview of the visioning and planning process that the Leader's Association Board of Directors and Fair Board is undertaking. As part of this process a survey of other counties was conducted to gather information about their fairs, structure and role of UW-Extension. Art Lersch shared a preliminary summary of the data collected and will provide an Executive Summary for the committee when it is completed. As the Association is engaged in this visioning and planning process, they are also preparing for the 2011 Fair and have requested the lease for the fairgrounds. Supervisors present encouraged them to ask that this request be placed on the next Public Property Committee meeting agenda. Supervisor Bloomer encouraged that the Association revisit their conflict resolution procedure to create a more neutral committee composition. Committee members and Association members agreed that the discussion during today's meeting is an important step in keeping the communication open and they want to see this continue. To assist with this the Association agreed to come back in six months or sooner if they want to update the committee members on the 2011 Fair and the process they are engaging in.

17. Adjournment

Motion by Pampuch second by Saal to adjourn at 2:22 pm. Motion carried.

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