

**DODGE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
127 EAST OAK STREET
JUNEAU, WI 53039
DECEMBER 28, 2015**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on December 28, 2015 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Larry Bischoff, Bill Foley, Howard Kriewald, and Bill Muche.

Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: Marc Bethke, John Bohonek, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD); and Mike Burg, USDA-APHIS.

Others Present: Ruth Johnson; Lake Sinissippi Improvement District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING: Motion by Muche to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of November 16, 2015 as sent by mail; seconded by Foley. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: There were no public appearances/comments.

AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS: There were no agency advisor reports.

REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUE: The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW AND REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS: There were no new conservation plans for consideration.

CONSIDERATION OF 2015 WILDLIFE CROP DAMAGE CLAIMS (Mike Burg – USDA-APHIS): Mike Burg presented the 2015 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) claims for committee consideration. Four landowners are eligible to receive a total of \$1,490.71 in crop damage claim payments under the 2015 WDACP Program. Motion by Bischoff to approve and sign the 2015 Dodge County WDACP claims as presented; seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST SHARE REPORT: Marc Bethke distributed copies of the December report of cost-share activities under the Land & Water Resource Management Program (see attached report). The committee also considered the 2015 Land & Water Cost Share Extension Request to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Motion by Macheel to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 2015 Land and Water Resource Management Cost Share Extension Request to the Wisconsin DATCP; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF MANURE STORAGE ORDINANCE PERMIT FEES FOR 2016: The committee considered whether to make any changes to the refundable and non-refundable permit fees under the Dodge County Manure Storage and Nutrient Utilization Ordinance. After some discussion, motion by Kriewald to leave all permit fees for 2016 at the levels that were in 2015; seconded by Foley. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF WISCONSIN LAND & WATER CONSERVATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

– MARCH 2-4, 2016: The committee considered who would represent the Dodge County Land Conservation Committee at the annual conference of the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association scheduled for March 2-4, 2016. After some discussion, it was decided that Ed Nelson and Dale Macheel would represent the committee at the conference.

REPORT ON NONPOINT RUNOFF WORK GROUP MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2015: Marc Bethke shared meeting notes from the December 7, 2015 Dodge County Nonpoint Runoff Work Group meeting, explaining some particular items discussed. Ed Nelson asked that the Land Conservation Committee be updated at each upcoming monthly meeting. Speakers from the DNR will be presenting information related to the issue of nonpoint source pollution in Dodge County at the next work group meeting scheduled for January 11, 2015.

COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST MONTHLY REPORT: SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES: Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Dale Macheel reported that the Fox Lake Inland Lake District discussed issues related to the sewer system at their last meeting. Dale also reported that the lake district plans to work with the Town of Fox Lake to consider the creation of a town ordinance to better regulate expanding livestock facilities. There was also discussion regarding a private party proposal to harvest aquatic vegetation in Fox Lake. Bill Foley reported that the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association is preparing a grant application to develop a prioritized plan for lake management practice implementation. One of the first projects will likely be restoration of the carp barrier at the entrance to Rakes Bay. Bill Muche reported that the last meeting of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District included discussion over the possibility of filing a class action law suit against Dodge County over how the county has been addressing the issue of nonpoint source pollution in Dodge County.

CORRESPONDENCE: Marc Bethke shared copies of two news articles that discussed various issues related to nonpoint source pollution.

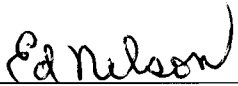
PER DIEMS: Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Muche to approve the regular per diems, plus the following:

- Dale Macheel – Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meetings on December 3 and 10, 2015 – per diem and 22 miles for each meeting.
- Bill Muche – Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting on December 8, 2015 – per diem and 15 miles.

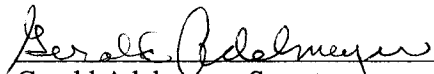
Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2016 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Kriewald to adjourn at 10:00 AM, seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.



Ed Nelson, Chair



Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM REPORT

November 17, 2015 - December 28, 2015

Cost Share Agreements Signed

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Committed to Agreements)</u>
Neal Stippich	Diversion & Grass Waterway	\$7,063.00
Glen & Donna Zimmerman	Manure Storage Closure	\$3,115.00
Total		10,178

Cost Share Payments to Landowners

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Expended)</u>
Laurie Jarvenpaa/Al Knudson	Well Decommissioning	\$512.40
Russell & Kristine Schroeder	Diversion & Grass Waterway	\$5,665.80
LeMar LLC	Barnyard Runoff Control	\$11,976.65
Total		\$18,154.85

DECEMBER 2015 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Took 3 days of vacation during week of the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Attended meeting of Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association on December 1, 2015 to share historical watershed information and discuss current lake and watershed conditions
- Attended County Conservationists Meeting on December 3-4, 2015 in Wisconsin Rapids
- Worked with Jeff Hoffman to conduct first meeting of the Dodge County Nonpoint Runoff Work Group on December 7, 2015; second meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2016
- Attended Milwaukee River TMDL Meeting in Newburg on December 14, 2015
- Calls for Farmland Preservation Program Certificates of Compliance are beginning to “ramp up” in anticipation of 2015 income tax return preparation work.
- Reviewed air photos for Towns of Lowell, Shields, and Clyman to identify prospective projects and future contacts for soil erosion control and water quality protection work.
- Continue to sell small packets of trees – sales are slightly ahead of this time last year