

MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2022 – 9:30 A.M.
LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OF
OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER SOUTH
ROOM 1389B
301 WASHINGTON STREET, OCONTO, WI 54153-1699
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COMMITTEE PRESENT: Kroll, Kamke, Wahl, Schindel, Allen

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Matravers

OTHERS PRESENT: County Conservationist Dolata, Program Assistant Wilcox, Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association President Heimerman

TIME MEETING BEGAN: 9:30 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Change of Agenda
 - B. Removal of Items

Motion by Allen, second by Schindel to approve agenda. Motion was voted on and carried.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (Enc.)

Motion by Allen, second by Wahl to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021 Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting. Motion was voted on and carried.

Motion by Kamke, second by Wahl to approve amending the November 15, 2021 minutes that were approved at the December 20, 2021 Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting as an omission was discovered. Item #7 should read, Motion by Kamke, second by Matravers to approve the Soil & Water Resource Management payments for Schaal Farms for Nutrient Management in the amount of \$49,360.00 and Sievert Dairy Farm for Manure Storage Closure in the amount of \$10,558.00. Motion was voted on and carried.

3. Communications (Enc.)

NONE
4. County Cost Share Contract(s)

NONE
5. County Cost Share Payment(s)

Motion by Wahl, second by Schindel approve the payment for Chris & Kari Olson for Shoreline Restoration in the amount of \$951.08. Motion was voted and carried.
6. Soil & Water Resource Management Contract(s)

NONE
7. Soil & Water Resource Management Payment(s)

NONE
8. Oconto County Healthy Waters Cost Share Contract(s)

NONE
9. Oconto County Healthy Water Cost Share Payment(s)

NONE
10. Northern Pike Contract(s)

NONE
11. Northern Pike Payment(s)

NONE

12. National Association of Conservation Districts 2022 Dues
Motion by Allen, second by Kamke to approve the 2022 dues in the amount of \$200.00. Motion was voted on and carried.
13. Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association 2022 Dues
Motion by Kamke, second by Wahl to approve the 2022 dues in the amount of \$150.00 Motion was voted on and carried.
14. WI Land & Water Conservation Association 2022 Dues
Motion by Schindel, second by Wahl to approve the 2022 dues in the amount of \$1,963.00. Motion was voted on and carried.
15. Lumberjack Resource, Conservation & Development 2022 Dues
Motion by Wahl, second by Allen to approve the 2022 dues in the amount of \$200.00. Motion was voted on and carried.
16. Lumberjack Resource, Conservation & Development Meeting, January 27, 2022, Vilas County
Motion by Kamke, second by Wahl to approve that whomever would like to attend meeting may. Motion was voted on and carried.
17. WI Land & Water Conservation Association Annual Conference, March 2-4, 2022, Wisconsin Dells
County Conservationist Dolata informed the committee that the annual conference will be held virtual now due to high Covid cases, virtual meeting information was not available at the time of the meeting but Program Assistant Wilcox will send updated information when it becomes available.
18. Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association Planning Meeting, January 7, 2022, Brown County Recap
County Conservationist Dolata and the supervisors that attended meeting updated on the meeting for those who could not attend.
19. 2021-2022 Land & Water Conservation Association Carry-overs
Motion by Wahl, second by Kroll to approve the 2021-2022 carry-overs and submit to finance. Motion was voted on and carried.
20. Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association Update
President Heimerman updated the committee on the treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil stating that lakes that are getting treated are not getting projects done in time to apply for grant funding so they are having to pay the bills and are looking for funding to help out and the Townsend Flowage Association contacted him looking for ideas to solve and enforce slow wake/no wake issues and they have come up with some good ideas to start enforcing and monitoring the problem.
21. Timberland Invasive Species Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator Update
NONE
22. Forest, Langlade & Oconto Waterways Coordinator Update
Derek Thorn updated the committee that he participated in a radio interview on WXPR that took place on December 30, 2021 with the topic of conservation focusing on how to slow the spread of invasive species specifically in winter time, he started writing lake survey reports from the 2021 field season all reports should be completed and distributed in the next few weeks to the counties, he created a calendar year guide for the Forest, Langlade and Oconto County Waterways Aquatic Invasive Species program to organize and prioritize all Lake Monitoring Protection Network duties this will help complete all necessary requirements by the end of the year, developed a meeting with Oconto County Lakes Project leaders to learn more about how the project is organized to carry out the project in other counties, working on creating a newsletter for the next Lumberjack Resource, Conservation & Development meeting taking place on January 27, 2022 in Vilas County and working on a grant with Amanda Smith from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Oconto County in regards to European Frogbit, the grant will mostly focus on collaboration efforts with the Michigan European Frogbit to work as group to expand education and outreach efforts.
23. United States Department of Ag Natural Resource Conservation Service Report
NONE
24. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Oconto County Forester Report
NONE

25. United States Department of Ag Farm Service Agency Report
NONE
26. Review Prior Months Vendor Payments
The Land & Water Conservation Committee reviewed the December 2021 accounts payable and employee reimbursement vouchers.
27. Information Items Only
County Conservationist Dolata informed that committee that due to high covid cases the office is at 25% staffing until case numbers decline.
28. Set Next Meeting Date
Date of next meeting: February 21, 2022
Time of next meeting: 9:30 a.m.
29. Adjournment
Chair Kroll called to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Rachel Wilcox, Recorder

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