

MINUTES

MARCH 15, 2021 – 9:30 A.M.
LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OF
OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD ROOM #3041 3RD FLOOR-BLDG A
301 WASHINGTON STREET
OCONTO, WI 54153
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COMMITTEE PRESENT: Kroll, Kamke, Wahl, Schindel

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Matravers, Allen

OTHERS PRESENT: County Conservationist Dolata, Program Assistant Wilcox, Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association President Heimerman, Natural Resource Conservation Service District Conservationist Maroszek

TIME MEETING BEGAN: 9:30 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
A. Change of Agenda

B. Removal of Items

Motion by Schindel, second by Wahl to approve the agenda. The motion was voted on and carried.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (Enc.)
Motion by Kamke, second by Schindel to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2021 Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting. The motion was voted on and carried.
3. Communications (Enc.)
County Conservationist Dolata reviewed the March 2021 Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection Report.

County Conservationist Dolata handed out and reviewed with the committee the Natural Resource Conservation Service and 3 Northeast Wisconsin Counties Launch New Green Bay West Shore Demonstration Farm Network news release and short discussion was held.

County Conservationist handed out to the committee a packet that was received in regards to the Town of Little Suamico Notice of Public Hearing and Town Board Meeting to Make Decision On Application For Highway Change that will take place on April 15, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Town of Little Suamico Town Hall.
4. County Cost Share Contract(s)
NONE
5. County Cost Share Payment(s)
NONE
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)
Motion by Schindel, second by Wahl to approve the partial payment for White Potato Lake Sportsman Club & Rick Turtenwald for Early Detection and Response in the amount of \$648.73. Motion was voted on and carried.
10. Northern Pike Contract(s)
NONE

11. Northern Pike Payment(s)
NONE
12. Joint Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection/Department of Natural Resources Nonpoint Source Grant Application for Calendar Year 2022
Motion by Wahl, second by Schindel to approve grant application and that Chair Kroll sign and submit to the Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection. Motion was voted on and carried.
13. 2020 Land & Water Conservation Department Annual Report
Motion by Kamke, second by Wahl to approve the 2020 Land & Water Conservation Department Annual Report and submit to County Board. Motion was voted on and carried.
14. WI Land & Water Conservation Association Virtual Conference Update
County Conservationist Dolata informed the committee that the virtual conference turned out well, ran smoothly and was well attended. Discussion was held.
15. Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association Report
Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association President Heimerman reported to the committee on the 2021 grant applications, they will be holding Clean Boats Clean Waters training sessions on April 17th and April 30th, they have posted the position for the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator that will be hired through Lumberjack Resource, Conservation & Development with interviews to be held the 1st week of April and Heimerman has been asked to be on the Lumberjack Resource, Conservation & Development grants subcommittee to work on criteria needed to apply and fund projects.
16. United States Department of Ag Natural Resource Conservation Service Report
District Conservationist Maroszek showed the committee a power point reviewing what the Natural Resource Conservation Service Oconto office accomplished in 2020 including what programs, how many contracts were funded and outreach efforts that were made.
17. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Oconto County Forester Report
Forester Kaufman emailed a news release that was passed out to the committee to review in regards to the spring wildfire risks that remain in Wisconsin's storm damage areas.
18. United States Department of Ag Farm Service Agency Report
Farm Service Agency March 2021 Report was handed out to the committee and reviewed. Report included deadlines, dates to remember and program reminders. Natural Resource Conservation Service District Conservationist Maroszek reported to the committee that the office will remain closed to the public due to Covid with no tentative date when it will re-open.
19. Review Prior Months Vendor Payments
The Land & Water Conservation Committee reviewed the February 2021 accounts payable and employee reimbursement vouchers.
20. Land & Water Conservation Department Employee Evaluations
Motion by Wahl, second by Schindel to approve Land & Water Conservation Department employee evaluations presented by County Conservationist Dolata. Motion was voted on and carried.
21. Information Items Only
NONE
22. Set Next Meeting Date
Date of next meeting: April 19, 2021
Time of next meeting: 9:30 a.m.
23. Adjournment
Chair Kroll called to adjourn meeting at 10:15 a.m. The motion was voted on and carried.