

MINUTES
JUNE 15th, 2020 – 9:30 A.M.
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OF
OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER SOUTH
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COMMITTEE PRESENT: Kroll, Kamke, Allen, Wahl, Schindel, Matravers

COMMITTEE ABSENT: NONE

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

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (Enc.)
Motion by Kamke, second by Matravers to approve the minutes from the May 18th, 2020 Land Conservation Committee meeting. The motion was voted on and carried.
3. Communications (Enc.)
County Conservationist reviewed the June 2020 Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection Report.

County Conservationist Dolata discussed the Multi-discharge Phosphorus Variance handout and reported that the Village of Lena Sanitary District contacted the Land Conservation Department.
4. County Cost Share Contract(s)
NONE
5. County Cost Share Payment(s)
Motion by Allen, second by Schindel to approve the payments for Erik Prentnieks for Streambank & Shoreline Protection in the amount of \$1,202.00 and Benjamin Schaal for Livestock Fencing in the amount of \$658.00. Motion was voted on and carried.
6. Soil & Water Resource Management Contract(s)
NONE
7. Soil & Water Resource Management Payment(s)
Motion by Schindel, second by Allen to approve the payment for Curt & Pam Swanson for Shoreline Protection in the amount of \$7,164.00. Motion was voted on and carried.
8. Oconto County Healthy Waters Cost Share Contract(s)
NONE
9. Oconto County Healthy Water Cost Share Payment(s)
Motion by Kamke, second by Matravers to approve the payment for Anderson Lake Association for Aquatic Invasive Species Control in the amount of \$1,127.52. Motion was voted on and carried.
10. Northern Pike Contract(s)
NONE
11. Northern Pike Payment(s)
NONE

12. Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association Spring Meeting, June 19th, 2020
Motion by Kamke, second by Schindel to approve that whomever would like to attend meeting may. Meeting is taking place via conference call. Motion was voted on and carried.
13. Land & Water Resource Management Plan Update
County Conservationist Dolata updated the committee on the Land & Water Resource Management presentation/meeting for the 5 year review with Land & Water Conservation Board, he stated that the meeting went well and that board commented that the Oconto County Land Conservation Department is doing a good job and meeting all requirements.
14. Natural Resource Conservation Service Demonstration Farm Update
County Conservationist Dolata and Natural Resource Conservation Service Conservationist Maroszek updated the committee on the meeting that was held and the benefits of Oconto County participating in the program and holding demonstration farms in Oconto County. The committee watched a video explaining how well this program worked in other counties.
15. Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association Update
Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association President Heimerman reported to the committee that most lake associations have had to cancel all fundraisers and annual spring meetings due to Covid-19, that the annual Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association annual meeting will be held sometime in August, some Marinette County lakes have done treatment for Eurasian Milfoil using Herbicide Enclosure Curtains, this new method seems to be working very well and that some Oconto County lakes are looking to apply for grants to use this method for treatment and that the Machickanee drawdown is still scheduled to take place but may be postponed.
16. United States Department of Ag Natural Resource Conservation Service Report
Natural Resource Service Conservationist Maroszek reported that the Natural Resource Conservation Service is on Phase 1 of a 3 Phase Covid-19 reopening plan, they have started using a new method of getting signatures on documents using email and smartphones and they are looking to hire a Civil Engineering Technician to work with Oconto, Shawano and Marinette Counties.
17. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Oconto County Forester Update
County Conservationist Dolata updated the committee from a report emailed by Forester Kaufman. He stated that they are currently only allowed to do field work pertaining to timber harvesting, that there was 415 fires statewide, 53 fires in the Peshtigo area, the total amount of acres lost in Oconto and Langlade counties from the July 19th, 2019 storm was 491,666 acres and that with the assistance of the US Forest Service they have sold a lot of the storm damaged timber, but timber markets are not good with pine being okay and the aspen market is not good, the Oconto County Forest spring bid opening was successful and that due to the Covid-19 they had to cancel the "Deer Habitat" workshop but are hoping to reschedule it.
18. United States Department of Ag Farm Service Agency Report
Farm Service Representative Allen updated the committee stating that all Farm Service Agency employees are working in the office but that the office remains closed to the public and that they are trying to catch up on farm bill programs and crop reporting is now taking place.
19. Timberland Invasive Partnership Update
County Conservationist Dolata updated the committee from the June 10, 2020 report emailed by Timberland Invasive Partnership Coordinator Bjorklund including that she has returned to normal hours, 2 technicians have been hired for the 2020 field season, that Timberland Invasive Partnership has received funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for weed management, they have been awarded USFS Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding for 2020-2022 to complete control work and monitoring and that she assisted Oconto County in verifying a population of prohibited species butter bur (*Petasites hybridus*) and invasive species.
20. WI Land & Water Conservation Association Land Conservation Committee Training Videos
The Land Conservation Committee watched 4 new training videos.
21. Review Prior Months Vendor Payments
The Land Conservation Committee reviewed the May accounts payable and employee reimbursement vouchers.

22. Information Items Only
NONE
23. Set Next Meeting Date
Date of next meeting: July 20th, 2020
Time of next meeting: 9:30 a.m.
24. Adjournment
Motion by Matravers, second by Schindel to adjourn meeting at 10:55 a.m. The motion was voted on and carried.

Rachel Wilcox, Recorder

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