

MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2021 – 9:30 A.M.
LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OF
OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD ROOM #3041 3RD FLOOR-BLDG A
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COMMITTEE PRESENT: Kroll, Kamke, Wahl, Schindel, Allen, Matravers

COMMITTEE ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: County Conservationist Dolata, Program Assistant Wilcox, Oconto County Lakes & Waterways President Heimerman, Timberland Invasive Species Coordinator Bjorklund (Zoom), Forest Langlade & Oconto Waterways Invasive Species Coordinator Derek Thorn, UW-Extension Community Development Educator Mohr

TIME MEETING BEGAN: 9:30 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Change of Agenda- Motion by Wahl, second by Matravers to approve amending the agenda moving item #14 after item #3. Motion was voted on and carried.
 - B. Removal of Items

Motion by Matravers, second by Allen to approve amended agenda. Motion was voted on and carried.
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (Enc.)

Motion by Wahl, second by Schindel to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2021 Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting. Motion was voted on and carried.
3. Communications (Enc.)

County Conservationist Dolata reviewed the June 2021 Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection Report.

County Conservationist Dolata informed the committee that he received an email from WI Land & Water Association Executive Director Krueger stating that the state joint finance committee added \$2.065 million and \$2.315 million to the 2021/2022 budget respectively for Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection staff funding, the budget now needs to be approved by the Governor.

Timberland Invasive Species Coordinator Bjorklund called in via Zoom to update the committee on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant application that will be resubmitted for approval after the grant application was denied, changes were made to the application and Oconto County Land & Water Conservation Committee supports re-applying for grant and will send an updated letter of support to Bjorklund.

Program Assistant Wilcox informed the committee that the Land & Water Conservation Committee is set to go paperless starting next month for the July 2021 meeting and the committee will continue to meet in the County Board room until remodel starts.
14. Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association Update

Oconto County Lakes & Waters Association President Heimerman reported to the committee that they are working on securing funding for the Oconto Sportsman's Club to repair a 1000 feet of shoreline erosion and install a handicap accessible dock on their property on the Oconto River, Reservoir Pond was treated for Eurasian Water Milfoil and that it was a very successful treatment, treatment is also being done on several other lakes in Oconto County and the Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association is having a cash raffle to help raise money to be used to assist in funding lake & waterway projects.
4. County Cost Share Contract(s)

Motion by Allen, second by Schindel to approve the contract for Kevin Dolata for shoreline protection in the amount of \$1,750.00 and Wade Kempka for cover crop-no winter kill in the amount of \$1,750.00 and no- till in the amount of \$700.00. Motion was voted on and carried.
5. County Cost Share Payment(s)

NONE

6. Soil & Water Resource Management Contract(s)
Motion by Matravers, second by Wahl to approve the contract for Dale & Mary Laskowski for stream crossing in the amount of \$3,850.00. Motion was voted and carried.
7. Soil & Water Resource Management Payment(s)
NONE
8. Oconto County Healthy Waters Cost Share Contract(s)
NONE
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NONE
10. Northern Pike Contract(s)
Motion by Schindel, second by Kamke to approve the contracts for Susan Lindstrom for culvert replacement in the amount of \$5,480.00, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for culvert replacement #1 in the amount of \$4,380.00 and culvert replacement #2 in the amount of \$5,005.00. Motion was voted on and carried.
11. Northern Pike Payment(s)
NONE
12. Targeted Runoff Management & Notice of Discharge Grant Contract
Motion by Matravers, second by Schindel to approve the contract for Alsteen Farms LLC for feed storage runoff control system in the amount of \$204,911.00 and manure storage system in the amount of \$20,089.00. Motion was voted on and carried.
13. Forest, Langlade & Oconto Waterways Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator Update
Forest, Langlade & Oconto Waterways Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator Thorn introduced himself to the committee and reported to them that he is working on getting more county-wide waterfront landowners involved with resolving and reporting invasive species and lake issues and working with their lake associations, he also updated the committee on the invasive Butterfly Dock project located in Gillett that they are working on.
15. United States Department of Ag Natural Resource Conservation Service Report
NONE
16. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Oconto County Forester Report
NONE
17. United States Department of Ag Farm Service Agency Report
Farm Service Agency June 2021 Report was discussed including crop reporting, reminders and program sign-ups and that the office is re-opening only for essential, time sensitive services.
18. Review Prior Months Vendor Payments
The Land & Water Conservation Committee reviewed the May 2021 accounts payable and employee reimbursement vouchers.
19. Information Items Only
County Conservationist Dolata reported to the committee they toured Demonstration Network farms with Representative Gallagher, and that work is being started to get the Demonstration Farm Network website up and running.

UW- Extension Community Development Educator Mohr reported to the committee that he is working with the Oconto County Forest and Parks Department to write a 5 year work plan and that he is working with a group of individuals to clean up the Green Lake recreation area and pavilion that is owned but he United States Forest Service.
20. Set Next Meeting Date
Date of next meeting: July 19, 2021
Time of next meeting: 9:30 a.m.
21. Adjournment
Chair Kroll called to adjourn meeting at 10:16 a.m. The motion was voted on and carried.