

MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 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, Forest Langlade & Oconto Waterways Invasive Species Coordinator Derek Thorn

TIME MEETING BEGAN: 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Motion by Kamke, second by Wahl to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2021 Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting. Motion was voted on and carried.
3. Communications (Enc.)

County Conservationist Dolata reviewed the August 2021 Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection Report.
4. County Cost Share Contract(s)

Motion by Schindel, second by Allen to approve the contracts for Kurt & April Reffke for streambank and shoreline protection in the amount of \$2,500.00 and Ryan Wendt for well decommissioning in the amount of \$1,075.00. Motion was voted on and carried.
5. County Cost Share Payment(s)

Motion by Matravers, second by Wahl to approve the payments for Pat Giordana for streambank and shoreline protection in the amount of \$2,500.00, Kevin Dolata for shoreline restoration in the amount of \$1,543.00 and Wade Kempka for cover crop-no winter kill for the amount of \$1,750.00. Motion was voted and carried.
6. Soil & Water Resource Management Contract(s)

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

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NONE
10. Northern Pike Contract(s)

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NONE

12. Appointment of Land & Water Conservation Committee to Conduct Public Hearings on Formation of Proposed Lake Districts
Motion by Schindel, second by Wahl to approve the resolution and forward to county board for approval. Motion was voted on and carried.
13. Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Business Meeting, July 29th, Shawano County Recap
An update was given by Supervisor Schindel and Oconto County Lakes & Waterways President Heimerman for those who could not attend the business meeting.
14. European Frogbit Raid Response Update
County Conservationist Dolata informed the committee that a new invasive species called European Frogbit has been documented for the first time in Wisconsin it was located in tributaries to the bay of Green Bay along County Rd Y in Oconto County. We are currently working in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources inventorying, hand pulling small populations and are planning possible control methods for dense populations.
15. 2022 Land & Water Conservation Department Budget
Motion by Matravers, second by Schindel to approve the 2022 Land & Water Conservation Department budget and forward to the Finance Department. Motion was voted on and carried.
16. Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association Update
Oconto County Lakes & Waterways President Heimerman updated the committee that he worked Clean Boats, Clean Waters this past weekend with the Oconto Sportsmans Club on the bay of Green Bay, that they are holding a Snap Shot day on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at the Town of Riverview pavilion. On August 28, 2021 they are holding the Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Fall Meeting and he updated the committee on the Eurasian Water Milfoil on Round Lake.
17. Timberland Invasive Species Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator Update
Timberland Invasive Species Coordinator Bjorklund emailed an update for the committee reporting that the most recent technician that was hired took a different position shortly after the last Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting so they are looking to hire someone for the last few months of field season, invasive species monitoring has been underway in the Machickanee Flowage area and will be done again in the fall with a new contract with the Oconto County Parks & Recreation Department and Timberland Invasive Partnership and a grant opportunity for Landscape Scale Restoration through the United States Forest Service is being considered for application and work is being done to identify priority areas.
18. Forest, Langlade & Oconto Waterways Coordinator Update
Forest, Langlade & Oconto Waterways Coordinator Thorn updated the committee that he attend the Bass Lake Association meeting and that he will be attending the Inland Lake Association meeting this month, he will be dropping off European Frogbit information packets to local bait shops and is working with the Oconto Sportmans Club on a bio-control project for Purple Loosestrife.
19. United States Department of Ag Natural Resource Conservation Service Report
NONE
20. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Oconto County Forester Report
Forester Kaufman emailed an update for the committee reporting that the Emerald Ash Borer is going to "Explode" in southern Oconto County over the next few years with die off being very fast, there is an increase in oak wilt in northern Oconto County which is possibly related to the 2019 windstorm, they are working on invasive control on Oconto County forest land where they found 2 more small patches of Garlic Mustard that are a result of illegal dumping of yard waste, there was a 43% increase of walkthroughs on privately owned lands this past year and the Oconto County Forest and United States Forest Service will both be doing a substantial re-planting of red pine plantations that were leveled from the 2019 windstorm work will begin this week to prepare sites in Oconto County.
21. United States Department of Ag Farm Service Agency Report
Farm Service Agency August 2021 Report was discussed including important dates, reminders, how to sign up for assistance and program sign-ups.
22. Review Prior Months Vendor Payments
The Land & Water Conservation Committee reviewed the July 2021 accounts payable and employee reimbursement vouchers.

23. Information Items Only
NONE

24. Set Next Meeting Date
Date of next meeting: September 20, 2021
Time of next meeting: 9:30 a.m.

25. Adjournment
Chair Kroll called to adjourn meeting at 10:15 a.m. The motion was voted on and carried.

Rachel Wilcox, Recorder

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