

**MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 – 9:30 A.M.**  
**LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OF**  
**OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**COUNTY BOARD ROOM #3041 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR-BLDG A**  
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COMMITTEE PRESENT: Kamke, Wahl, Schindel, Matravers

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Kroll, Allen

OTHERS PRESENT: County Conservationist Dolata, Program Assistant Wilcox, Oconto County Lakes & Waterways 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 Matravers to approve agenda. 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 August 16, 2021 Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting. Motion was voted on and carried.
3. Communications (Enc.)

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

Motion by Matravers, second by Schindel to approve the contracts for Dennis Brockman for shoreline restoration (Chute Pond) in the amount of \$1,400.00 and O'Harrow's Family Farm LLC for cover crop in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion was voted on and carried.
5. County Cost Share Payment(s)

Motion by Schindel, second by Kamke to approve the payments for John & Betty Zimdars & Hoffman's Landscaping Construction (Townsend Flowage) for streambank and shoreline protection in the amount of \$2,500.00, Kurt & April Reffke (Reservoir Pond) for streambank and shoreline protection in the amount of \$2,500.00 and Ryan Wendt for 2 well decommissioning's the amount of \$752.00. Motion was voted and carried.
6. Soil & Water Resource Management Contract(s)

Motion by Matravers, second by Schindel to approve the contracts for Annette Artz for shoreline protection (Wheeler Lake) in the amount of \$4,785.00 and William & Judith Wiegand for shoreline protection (Wheeler Lake) in the amount of \$3,550.00. Motion was voted on and carried.
7. Soil & Water Resource Management Payment(s)

Motion by Kamke, second by Schindel to approve the payment for Nancy Rehbein & Hoffman Landscape Construction LLC for shoreline restoration (Wheeler Lake) in the amount of \$4,234.00 and Dale Laskowski for stream ford crossing in the amount of \$3,850.00. 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 Matravers, second by Kamke to approve the payment for Kelly Lake Advancement Association/Jane Randerson for DASH boat in the amount of \$7,000.00. Motion was voted on and carried.

10. Northern Pike Contract(s)  
NONE
11. Northern Pike Payment(s)  
Motion by Schindel, second by Matravers to approve the payment for Matthew Gerndt for wetland restoration in the amount of \$5,932.00. Motion was voted on and carried.
12. Lumberjack Resource, Conservation & Development Grant Applications  
Motion by Matravers, second by Kamke to approve the applications and submit to Lumberjack Resource, Conservation & Development to be presented and considered to receive funding. Motion was voted on and carried.
13. Oconto County Healthy Waters Cost Share Applications  
Motion by Schindel, second by Matravers to award funding for Underwood Lake Property Owners in the amount of \$3,739.00, White Potato Lake Sportman Club Inc. in the amount of \$3,642.00, and the Oconto Sportman Club Inc. in the amount of \$7,000.00. Motion was voted on and carried.
14. Lake Michigan Area Conservation Association Business Meeting, October 8, 2021, Marinette County  
Motion by Kamke, second by Matravers to approve that whomever would like to attend may. Motion was voted on and carried.
15. Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association Update  
Oconto County Lakes & Waterways President Heimerman updated the committee that the Machickanee Flowage is starting to be filled again after the drawdown, the cash raffle that they held raised \$5,100.00 which will be used towards funding waterway projects in Oconto County.
16. Timberland Invasive Species Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator Update  
NONE
17. Forest, Langlade & Oconto Waterways Coordinator Update  
Forest, Langlade & Oconto Waterways Coordinator Thorn sent an email to County Conservationist Dolata to update the committee stating that he attended the Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association meeting and presented information on European Frog Bit, participated in 2 days of removal and attended 2 meetings being held in regards to European Frog Bit, he is also looking at Clean Boats Clean Waters survey dates during fall duck hunting to spread awareness and looking into grants to help with control, he is also looking into grants to help fund boat cleaning stations along Lake Michigan and created list of lakes to study for 2022 field season.
18. United States Department of Ag Natural Resource Conservation Service Report  
District Conservationist Maroszek updated the committee that he has been temporarily assigned to the Green Bay office until the District Conservationist position is filled so he has had limited time in the Lena office, the new Soil Conservationist has started in the Lena Field office making 4 full time employees working with Oconto and Marinette County landowners, they have 110 Conservation Stewardship payments to be made in the next month, November 19<sup>th</sup> is the Environmental Quality Incentive Program sign-up deadline and a Green Bay West Shore Demonstration Farm Field Day will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup> at Mahoney's Farm.
19. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Oconto County Forester Report  
NONE
20. United States Department of Ag Farm Service Agency Report  
Farm Service Agency September 2021 Report was discussed including important dates, reminders, how to sign up for assistance and program sign-ups.
21. Review Prior Months Vendor Payments  
The Land & Water Conservation Committee reviewed the August 2021 accounts payable and employee reimbursement vouchers.
22. Information Items Only  
County Conservationist Dolata informed the committee that he received an email from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regarding the control of the European Frog Bit and that the Oconto County Land & Water Conservation Department is eligible to receive reimbursements for time spent, equipment, mileage etc. up to \$5,000.00.

23. Set Next Meeting Date  
Date of next meeting: October 18, 2021  
Time of next meeting: 9:30 a.m.
24. Adjournment  
Vice Chair Wahl called to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. The motion was voted on and carried.

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Rachel Wilcox, Recorder

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