

Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

MINUTES

Monday, May 19, 2008 at 1:35 p.m.

Walworth County Government Center

Committee Meeting Room 111

Elkhorn, WI 53121

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Roll call - Committee members present included: Supervisors Hawkins, Ingersoll, Kilkenny, and USDA/FSA Representative Papcke. Citizen Member Petersen was absent, excused. A quorum was declared.

County staff present –David Bretl, Walworth County Administrator; Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use & Resource Management (LURM); Louise Olson, Deputy Director, LURM; and Joeann Douglas, Recording Secretary

Also in attendance –. Nancy Russell, County Board Chair; and Greg Igl, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Supervisor Mark Bromley, Robert Arnold, Dorothy Burwell, and Julian Zelazny (WLWCA).

Supervisors Hawkins and Ingersoll moved and seconded approval of the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

Supervisors Hawkins and Ingersoll moved and seconded approval of the April 21, 2008 minutes. The motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment – None

Presentation by Executive Director, Julian Zelazny of the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Updates - Mr Zelazny gave an update of important topics including the drug disposal program resolution; LCC training dates/locations. Louise Olson said updated LCC training information was distributed in the April 21, 2008 LCC packet. Mr Zelazny said the county that is home to the Farmer of the Year now have their dues waived for the next year as an incentive. Other activities WLWCA is involved in include Forestry; Intern Program; Conservation Poster and Speaking Program; and legislative advocacy. Mr Zelazny said the Lawn Fertilizer Bill and Invasive Species (transporting) bills died in committee but both will be brought back in the next session. Ms Olson said the Great Lakes Compact was signed but the Farm Bill is not yet approved. Zelazny explained that the SE Area Land and Water Conservation Association is a subsidiary group of WLWCA and a representative from SE Area must be an elected official to have voting privileges in the WLWCA Board should they be asked by the WLWCA to serve as representative. **Supervisors Hawkins and Ingersoll moved and seconded moving up Agenda Item 8, Southeast Area Land and Water Conservation Association Representative Nomination. Motion carried 4-0.** Ms Olson said that the representative is chosen from 7 county area that make up SE Area Land and Water Conservation Association. A staff member, currently Louise Olson, also serves as the Treasurer. Officers of the SE Area Conservation Association will elect a representative to the state WLWCA Board. Representatives to the WLWCA from the SE Area Land and Water Conservation Association must be an elected LCC member. **Supervisor Hawkins and USDA/FSA Representative Papcke moved and seconded to nominate supervisor Ingersoll to the SE Area Land and Water Conservation Association. Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Ingersoll and Hawkins moved and seconded to nominate LCC Chair Kilkenny as the alternate to the SE Area Land and Water Conservation Association. Motion carried 4-0.**

Lake Management District Representative Nominations – Michael Cotter asked the LCC if there was interest in serving on any of the lake management districts. The committee felt their time was very limited and Michael Cotter will give a list of those people showing interest to Mr Bretl for the County Board. The nominations are first offered to the LCC, then the County Board and then interested citizens. The LCC takes the recommendations to the County Board and it will come back to the LCC for appointment. The list will include, Dorothy Burwell – Lake Comus and Lauderdale Lakes; Robert Arnold – Pleasant Lake (Pleasant Lake has asked that Mr Arnold stay on as representative); Gerald Petersen and Rick Stacey – Lake Beulah; Jerry Grant – Whitewater/Rice Lake; Roy Lightfield – Honey Lake.

Florence County Resolution 08-17 – Opposition of H.R. 2421, the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007 - Michael Cotter said the previous Walworth County LCC voted in favor of the Florence County resolution; two other counties are now in opposition of H.R. 2421. **Supervisors Hawkins and Kilkenny moved and seconded placing Florence County Resolution 08-17, Opposition of H.R. 2421, the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007 on file. Motion carried 4-0.**

Next Meeting Date – Monday, June 16, 2008 1:30 P.M.

Adjournment - **On motion and second by Supervisor Hawkins and Ingersoll, Chairman Kilkenny adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:36 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.**

Submitted by Joeann Douglas, Recording Secretary. Minutes are not considered final until approved by the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.