

Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

Walworth County Government Center
County Board Room
Elkhorn, WI 53121

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kilkenny at 1:34 p.m.

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

County staff present – David Bretl, County Administrator, Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use & Resource Management (LURM), Louise Olson, Deputy Director, LURM, Fay Amerson, Urban Manager; and Joeann Douglas, Recording Secretary; Josh Clements, Peg Reedy, UW Extension.

Also in attendance – Nancy Russell, Walworth County Board Chair; David Terrell, USDA Wildlife Services; Rick Stacey, CZA Chair; Ron Fero, Dick Kraus, Roy E. McMannaway and Betty McManaway, Town of Whitewater; Bob Kwiatkowski, Cal Magnam, and Don Maler, Town of Eagle; Ed Van der Veen, Town of Sharon; John Olson, Town of Delavan; Mark Adsit, Town of East Troy; Joe McHugh, Geneva Lake Conservancy; Christy Stair, WI Farm Bureau; Robert McIndoe and Beverly Gamache, Town of Spring Prairie; Nathan Fikkert, and Greg Igl, NRCS; Kathleen Papcke, Joe McHugh, Geneva Lake Conservancy; Terry Papcke, Farm Bureau; Jeff ? (illegible last name.) Other individuals were also in attendance who did not sign in.

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

Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Hawkins moved and seconded approval of the August 17, 2009 minutes. The motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment – none

USDA Wildlife Abatement – David Terrell, USDA Wildlife Services asked for crop price approval and approval of the wildlife abatement 2010 budget of \$10,128.44 which is less than 2009 of \$11,698. It is pass through money from the DNR. In Walworth County the only crop damage being paid on at this time is corn with a proposed price of \$3.38/bushel for 2009. **Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Hawkins moved and seconded to adopt the 2009 Crop Price Proposal and the 2010 Preliminary Budget. Motion carried 4-0.** Copies are on file.

Communication from Dorothy Burwell related to protecting Walworth County lakes from road runoff – Citizen Member Burwell asked to table the item until a Hydrological report of road runoff she asked for from UW is available. **Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Hawkins moved and seconded to table Ms Burwell's communication/resolution. Motion carried 4-0.**

WLWCA Annual Conference Dec 9-10, 2010 La Crosse, WI – Louise Olson said the annual conference would be only two days. Anyone wishing to attend must have information to Ms Olson by November 6. Citizen Member Burwell will be attending and needs a voting proxy since she is a citizen member of LCC. Ms Olson also reminded the committee there will be a silent auction of donated items and urged them to let others know if they know of anyone who would have Walworth County auction items available. **Supervisor Hawkins and Ingersoll moved and seconded to vote Dorothy Burwell as proxy for Chair Kilkenny at WLWCA Conference. Motion carried 4-0**

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Walworth County Land Conservation Division and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Implementing Agricultural Nonpoint Performance Standards and Prohibitions – Louise Olson said the MOU was reviewed by David Bretl and Michael Cotter. The MOU addresses DNR rule NR-151 that sets performance standards and prohibitions for farms effective October 1, 2002. The MOU is required as part of the Land and Water Resource Management Plan. This is not a renewal, but addresses implementation strategy since 2002. . There is no financial exchange or grant dollars. **Supervisors Ingersoll and Hawkins moved and seconded to approve the Memo of Understanding and authorize Kim Bushey, Walworth County Clerk and Nancy Russell, Walworth County Board Chair to sign without need for County Board approval. Motion carried 4-0**

Next Meeting Date – Supervisor Ingersoll said she would be unavailable for the proposed November 16 date. If necessary, the next meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.

Adjournment - **On motion and second by Supervisor Hawkins and Ingersoll , Chair Kilkenny adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:50 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.