



**Walworth County
Land Conservation Committee Meeting
Monday, October 17, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Walworth County Government Center
County Board Room 114
Elkhorn, WI 53121**

*Dan Kilkenny – Chair, Jerry Grant - Vice Chair
Randy Hawkins - Supervisor*

Sue Bellman – USDA/FSA Representative, Dorothy C. Burwell – Citizen Member

(Posted in Compliance with Sec. 19.84 Wis. Stats.)

Land Use and Resource
Management Department

It is possible that a quorum of the County Board or a committee of the County Board could be in attendance.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2011 LCC Meeting
5. Public Comment
6. USDA- Wildlife Abatement Program, Dave Terrall, Wildlife Program Budget and Crop Approvals
7. Walworth County Potters Lake Representative Replacement – Louise Olson (enclosure, pages 1-3)
8. WLWCA 2011 Voting Proxy – Louise Olson (enclosure, page 4)
9. WLWCA 2011 Annual Conference Registration and Silent Auction – Louise Olson (enclosure, pages 5-7)
10. WLWCA/WALCE Possible Merger – Louise Olson (enclosure, pages 8-12)
11. Farmland Preservation Plan Update – Louise Olson (enclosure, pages 13-14)
12. Next meeting date: Monday, November 14, 2011, 1:30 p.m.
13. Adjournment

Submitted by: Michael P. Cotter, Director, Land Use and Resource Management Department, Louise Olson, Deputy Director, Land Conservation Committee Designee

Posted: October 12, 2011

Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

MINUTES

Monday, October 17, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Walworth County Board Room 114
Elkhorn, WI 53121

The meeting was called to order by LCC Vice-Chair Grant at 1:30 p.m.

Roll call - Committee members present included: Supervisors, Grant, Hawkins, USDA/FSA Representative Bellman and Citizen Member Burwell. Supervisor Kilkenny 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; Matt Weidensee, Associate Planner; Neal Frauenfelder, Sr. Planner; and Joeann Douglas, Recording Secretary.

Also in attendance –. Nancy Russell, Walworth County Board Chair; David Terrall, USDA Wildlife Services.

Approval of the Agenda – **Supervisor Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded approval of the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of the Minutes – **Supervisors Hawkins and USDA/FSA Representative Bellman moved and seconded approval of the September 19, 2011 LCC meeting minutes. Motion carried 4-0.**

Public Comment – none

USDA Wildlife Abatement Program, Wildlife Program Budget and Crop Approvals – David Terrall, handed out copies of the 2011 Crop Price Proposal for Walworth County and the 2012 Walworth WDACP Preliminary Budget. After discussion, **Supervisor Hawkins and USDA/FSA Representative Bellman moved and seconded approval of the crop price proposals as presented. Motion carried 4-0** David Terrall then explained the Preliminary Budget was a pass through with no direct cost to Walworth County. **Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Hawkins moved and seconded approval of the Wildlife Program Preliminary Budget as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

Walworth County Potters Lake Representative Replacement – Louise Olson explained that Roy Lightfield left a verbal message that he no longer wanted to be on any county committees. A written letter of resignation has not been submitted as the county's Potter's Lake Representative, which negates the need for a replacement until May 1, 2012 after the County Board elections. Discussion followed regarding this sensitive issue while following the Walworth County Code of Ordinances [Section 2-143(d)(3)]. Ms. Olson will e-mail an explanation to Barry Bonneau, Potter's Lake P&R District Chair and Dale Marciniak who sent a Notice of Interest to Serve.

WLWCA Voting Proxy – Louise Olson. **Supervisor Hawkins and USDA/FSA Representative Bellman moved and seconded appointment of Dorothy Burwell as the official delegate who has authority to vote at the WLWCA annual meeting December 9, 2011. Motion carried 4-0.** Louise Olson provided the voting proxy form for Vice Chair Grant's signature.

WLWCA 2011 Annual Conference Registration and Silent Auction – Louise Olson. Dorothy Burwell will be attending the conference. Vice Chair Grant will be donating a bottle of wine to the silent auction. Ms Olson distributed auction forms in case anyone else wanted to provide auction items

WLWCA/WALCE Possible Merger – Louise Olson. Ms. Olson explained advantages of the merger of WLWCA comprised of Land Conservation Committees and WALCE comprised of Land Conservation Employees. **Supervisor Hawkins and USDA/FSA Representative Bellman moved and seconded to have staff write a letter of support for the WLWCA/WALCE merger and attach a copy of the LCC minutes. Motion carried 4-0.**

Farmland Preservation Plan Update – Louise Olson said DATCP has approved our request for an extension to the Farmland Preservation Plan to December 31, 2013. Ms. Olson said 674 residents with A-1 land have other zoning districts also and would be impacted if the plan is not approved by DATCP as submitted. **Supervisor Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded approval of the Extension Amendment #1 to the agreement between WIDATCP and Walworth County. Motion carried 4-0** Vice Chair Grant signed the extension agreement.

Next Meeting Date – Monday, November 14, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment – **On motion and second by Supervisors Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell, Vice Chair Grant adjourned the meeting at 2:25 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.



Walworth County Board Representative for Potter's Lake

Barry Bonneau to: lolson4

Cc: agentbobrice, CCelley, kathy, Jackbasso

09/13/2011 12:28 PM

Please respond to **Barry Bonneau**

Louise Olson
Deputy Director and
County Conservationist
Walworth County, WI

Dear Louise Olson,

Per our recent conversation, I am submitting to you the recommendation of the Potter's Lake P&R District that Dale Marciniak, residing at N8960 Lake Lane, East Troy, WI be appointed as the Walworth County Board Representative to the Potter's Lake P&R District. Mr. Marciniak is a full time resident of Potter's Lake, along with his wife Kathy. Dale has been an active member of the Potter's Lake P&R District and brings a wealth of business and real estate experience to our group. Dale can be reached by phone at: 414-429-2344 or by email at: kathy@homesbydale.com. Please give Dale timely consideration for the representative position.

Sincerely,

Barry

Barry Bonneau
Potter's Lake P&R District - Chairman
262-745-0333



September 14, 2011

Land Use and Resource
Management Department

Dale Marciniak
N8960 Lake Lane
East Troy, WI 53120

Dear Mr. Marciniak:

RE: Citizen Appointment, Potters Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Barry Bonneau, on behalf of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, has recommended you for appointment as the Walworth County citizen representative.

If you are interested, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to me no later than October 13, 2011, 5:00 p.m. The appointment will be brought before the Land Conservation Committee at the October 17, 2011 meeting and will then be sent on to the Walworth County Board at their November 8, 2011 meeting.

Sincerely,

Louise A. Olson, Land Conservationist/Deputy Director,
Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department

Attachment

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cc: Barry Bonneau

100 West Walworth Street
P. O. Box 1001
Elkhorn, WI 53121
Conservation Division
262-741-4972 tel
262-741-4973 fax

WALWORTH COUNTY
NOTICE OF INTEREST TO SERVE AS A CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE

Name: DALE MARCINIAK

Date: Sept. 16 2011

Mailing Address: N. 8960 LAKE LAKE
EAST TROY WI 53120

Phone: 414-429-2344 Cell
262-684-5087 Home

E-Mail: dale@homesbydale.com

I reside in:

- the Town of East Troy
 the Village of _____
 the City of _____

Please consider me for appointment to: Potter's Lake Protection
And Rehabilitation District Citizen Representative

I am interested in serving as a citizen representative because: I live on the
lake and want to maintain the quality
of the lake for future enjoyment of
All the citizens.

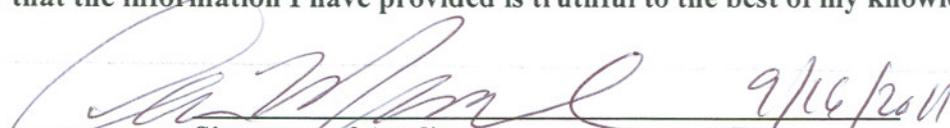
Special skills, experience or qualifications I possess related to this appointment are:

I'm a real estate agent and have experience
working with municipalities

Check one of the following:

- I am a resident of Walworth County and reside in the appropriate jurisdiction to serve on the board or commission for which I am applying.
 I am not a resident of Walworth County.

I certify that the information I have provided is truthful to the best of my knowledge.


Signature of Applicant Date 9/16/2011

Feel free to attach any additional documentation to this form.

Voting Proxy Form

2011



WLWCA

58th Annual Business Meeting

Friday, December 9, 2011

10:00 am

Chula Vista Resort

Wisconsin Dells, WI

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENT

That the undersigned

Chair of the _____ County Land Conservation Committee

does hereby appoint _____

as my official delegate who has authority to vote in my name at the annual meeting to be held on December 9, 2011 in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, with all power I should possess if personally present.

(please print name)

(sign)

(and date)

Please complete this form if you are a member county in good standing and plan on attending the annual meeting, but LCC chair will not be in attendance. Return to WLWCA before the start of the business meeting.

On or before December 2nd you may:

Send by US Mail to WLWCA, 702 E. Johnson St. Madison, WI 53703-1533;

Email scanned, signed copy to kirsten@wlwca.org or

Fax to 608-441-2676.

On or after December 3rd and on or before December 5th, you may still Email scanned, signed copy to kirsten@wlwca.org or Fax to 608-441-2676. No US Mail.

On or after December 6th, please bring to the registration table at the conference, fax to 608-254-7653 c/o Julian Zelazny, or send scanned, signed copy to julian@wlwca.org by 9:15 am on December 9th.

2011 WLWCA Annual Conference Registration Form

Please submit one form per registrant (guests/spouses of registrant use the same form). This form is available at www.wlwca.org/conference.html and may be submitted electronically. Please send registrations by **Friday, November 4, 2011**. Extra fees apply to registrations Emailed/faxed/postmarked after that date and for onsite registration. Registrations are transferrable at any time. Cancellations received on or before November 30 will be refunded minus a \$25 cancellation fee. Cancellations on or after December 1 will be refunded minus a \$25 cancellation fee and charges for all guest/spouse functions and meal functions including the refreshment break and social. No shows or cancellations on or after December 7 will be liable for the entire conference fee. Due to covering pre-paid costs, there are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to the fee/cancellation schedule.

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETE REGISTRATION

Name (as you would like it on a name badge): _____

Guest/Spouse's name (if attending): _____

County: _____

Affiliation/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Conference Fees and Breakout Session Choices

Full Conference

Includes all sessions, events, meals, breaks and social.

\$200

Thursday Breakout Sessions

WILL CANCEL any session with less than 15 pre-registrants.

Thursday Only

Includes all Thursday sessions, events, meals, breaks and social.

\$145

Invasive Species

Friday Only

Includes all Friday sessions, events, breakfast and coffee break.

\$90

Working Lands Initiative

Guest/Spouse Chef Demonstration

Includes Thursday's continental breakfast, chef's demonstration & lunch, WLWCA breaks, social, banquet and Friday's breakfast and coffee break. WILL CANCEL AND REFUND \$5 IF THERE ARE LESS THAN 15 REGISTRANTS.

\$65

Greendale Bioswale Project

Guest/Spouse, NO DEMONSTRATION

Includes all WLWCA conference meals and breaks.

\$60

Sandstone Mining & Reclamation

Late Registration Fee

For registrations Emailed, faxed or postmarked 11/5 to 12/6/2011.

\$10

Combat Communications

Onsite Registration Fee

For registrations on or after 12/7/2011. DO NOT SEND TO WLWCA.

\$15

Friday Breakout Sessions

WILL CANCEL any session with less than 15 pre-registrants.

Land Conservation 101

TOTAL FEES - Please tally total here: \$ _____

Digestion/Manure Management

Special dietary/wellness needs (if any): _____

County Owned Dams

I am going to the 8:45 AM THURSDAY Board Meeting
The Board Meeting is NOT THE SAME AS THE FRIDAY BUSINESS MEETING.

Screening of Green Fire

Wetlands Made Easier

PAYMENT Check enclosed, payable to WLWCA, Inc. Please invoice organization for payment.

Call Chula Vista Resort to reserve your room at (855) 529-7628 and use booking ID 19278 by November 7 to receive single room rates of \$70 (double \$92). WLWCA does not book rooms for registrants.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS REGISTRATION FOR YOUR RECORDS!

CLEAR FORM

SEND FORM to kirsten@wlwca.org (does not work with all Email browsers)

Welcome **Eric Eckl**, founder of *Water Words That Work, LLC*. Eric has more than 15 years experience planning and carrying out issue advocacy, fundraising and behavior change campaigns. Eric is a sought-after speaker for environmental, marketing and technology conferences. He has appeared on CNN and been quoted in the *New York Times*. Eric sits on the editorial committee for the *Center for Watershed Protection* and the board of directors for the *Green Media Toolshed*. WLWCA looks forward to his luncheon presentation and his follow-up session Thursday afternoon.

Schedule At-A-Glance

December 8-9, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Thursday, December 8

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| 7:45 am-8:45 am | Continental Breakfast |
| 8:00 am-11:00 am | Silent Auction Item Drop-Off |
| 8:00 am-6:00 pm | Conference Registration Open |
| 8:45 am-9:45 am | WLWCA Board of Directors Meeting |
| 10:00 am-11:30 am | WLWCA Welcome and Keynote Address |
| 11:00 am-1:00 pm | Guest/Spouse Chef Demonstration and Lunch |
| 11:45 am-1:15 pm | Luncheon Presentation |
| 1:15 pm-6:00 pm | Silent Auction Open For Bidding |
| 1:30 pm-2:45 pm | Breakout Sessions |
| 2:45 pm-3:00 pm | Refreshment Break, Visit Exhibits & Auction |
| 3:00 pm-4:15 pm | General Session: WLWCA-WALCE Merger |
| 4:00 pm | Hotel Check-in |
| 4:30 pm-5:00 pm | Area Association Meetings |
| 5:00 pm-6:15 pm | Social, Visit Exhibits & Auction |
| 6:15 pm-9:00 pm | Dinner Banquet, Youth Speakers & Awards |

Friday, December 9

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| 7:00 am-8:00 am | Breakfast Buffet |
| 7:00 am-8:00 am | Conference Registration Open |
| 7:00 am-10:00 am | Silent Auction Item Pickup |
| 8:15 am-9:30 am | Breakout Sessions |
| 9:30 am-10:00 am | Business Meeting Registration Open |
| 10:00 am-12:00 pm | Business Meeting |
| 10:30 am | Hotel Checkout |



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Wednesday, September 14, 2011

MEMO

TO: County Land Conservation Departments and Committees

RE: 2011 WLWCA Annual Conference Silent Auction

FROM: Kirsten Moore, WLWCA Office Manager

Greetings!

It is that time of year again! Time to prepare for the 2011 WLWCA Annual Conference Silent Auction! We are currently seeking donated items for the event. This year the auction will be held on Thursday, December 8 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

All auction proceeds are donated to WLWCA's youth education programs and all donations are tax deductible. Please don't miss this opportunity for your county to be represented by contributing to this special event!

Enclosed you will find all the materials you need to solicit donations from your area.

- An auction announcement
- A "Why Donate" informational sheet
- Two half-sheet Auction Identification Cards (please make copies if you need more)
- A sample thank-you letter for contributions (LCCs and LCDs are responsible for thanking the donors they solicit).

We really appreciate each county's effort to make the silent auction and raffle happen. We look forward to your contribution and we'll see you at the conference!

Thank you for your time and effort!



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October 4, 2011

Fellow LCC Members;

I am writing to you today to ask for your support of the merger of two great conservation organizations. As you may already know a sub-committee of this organization's board has been working with a similar group from the Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees (WALCE) on a proposed merger. The Ad-Hoc Committee, as it's known, has been working very hard since late last year on developing a structure for the proposed new organization. It would have equal representation from both sides of the previous two groups. This presents a show of combined strength which we believe is very important. Conservation in this great state has been getting pushed more and more to the wayside in the past few years. Many changes have taken place regarding conservation practices, conservation funding and the political climate that we are living in today. We need to come together to create a larger, more powerful voice in support of good, sound conservation on the land. I truly believe, that if we don't join forces, we will be divided and conquered by others who may not share our ideals and principles.

The proposed new organization will retain the same great opportunities to educate both supervisors and LCD employees that give both groups the tools to provide the great conservation practices on the land and best value to the taxpayers in our counties. Supervisors will have the opportunity to get training on all of the programs provided by our county departments. We will also be able to learn about new technologies that will make our LCDs better equipped to deal with the changes in our conservation practices. LCD employees will still have the opportunity to learn about new technical applications so they can do their jobs in the most efficient manner. It will also give them opportunities to learn more about their departments' administrative operations. This will give them a better understanding of the political background in LCD operations.

Attached to this letter are copies of the proposed new bylaws for the organization and the resolution which is being recommended for passage at the December Annual meeting. Please read them and discuss at your LCC meetings.

We must all strive to give our customers the best service for the best value. I believe by joining these two great organizations, we can do that. Please join me in supporting this merger.

Thank you.

Charles R. Wagner
President, WLWCA Board



Thursday Note

An Update on Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Issues

Volume 14, Issue 8

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Special Edition #2 - WLWCA/WALCE Merger Talks Move Ahead

A few months ago, a special edition of this newsletter described the merger talks underway between the Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees (WALCE) and the WLWCA. The purpose of this Special Edition #2 is to update everyone on the progress of the WLWCA/WALCE merger talks and explain the draft bylaws that have been prepared. Since this document is also designed to be a one-stop summary of the merger process, let's first review the many benefits that both WALCE and WLWCA anticipate by merging the two associations:

Why Should WLWCA and WALCE Merge?

- *Sustainable Future*. Merging the two associations would lead to one stronger, more efficient, and financially sustainable association, provide more staff support (WLWCA), and cause less volunteer (i.e. LCD) burnout while carrying out state association activities.
- *Focused Resources*. The on-going trend for downsizing County Boards and combining and downsizing departments is resulting in fewer people having less time for land and water conservation issues or to participate in state association activities. A merged association with a well-defined and empowered committee structure would better focus limited resources, provide more valuable services, and encourage more participation by LCCs and LCD staff.
- *Expanded Expertise*. Merging WLWCA and WALCE would combine the diverse technical, administrative and policy expertise, and talents of both organizations.
- *Better Cross-Training*. Combining workshops, tours, conferences, and other training opportunities would improve the quality, attendance, revenue, and ultimately the program understanding and support between LCCs and LCD staff – something we need to sustain local programs in the long-term.
- *Improved Policy Influence*. A joint Legislative Committee would help build a stronger and more unified voice for conservation issues and improve our effectiveness in influencing policy makers – thus having a greater impact than either organization could on their own in supporting county land and water conservation programs.
- *Faster Response Time*. A merged and empowered committee system would also help streamline the decision-making process, allowing members and staff to develop or review draft policies, craft a position and give the WLWCA staff and lobbyist direction in a much shorter time frame, which is critical in the fast-paced policy decision making that occurs these days, especially relating to budget processes.

What is the History behind the Merger Talks?

The potential benefits of merging WLWCA and WALCE have been recognized for a long time, but merging was first formally proposed in 2001, when an ad-hoc WALCE committee recommended it. At the 2004 WLWCA Annual Meeting, the Western Area Association proposed a WLWCA bylaw revision to add County Conservationists to the WLWCA, but it failed to get the necessary 2/3 majority votes by a very small margin. The current merger talks began informally in summer of 2010, but moved beyond the talking stage at the beginning of 2011. Below is a brief review of the timeline involved in the current merger talks:

- **Summer 2010**: Both WALCE and WLWCA Boards of Directors begin discussions of a possible merger and asked their respective memberships for input.
- **Fall 2010**: Based on input received from their Members, the WALCE and WLWCA Boards of Directors each appointed 5 members to serve on an Ad-Hoc Merger Committee to make recommendations on how a merger

could be carried out. The two boards also adopted an open process and guiding principles for the committee to follow during their work. The guiding principles prescribed a partnership approach to the new organization and will be discussed more in the next section of this newsletter.

- January 2011: The Ad-Hoc Merger Committee began meeting monthly, being facilitated by a UWEX agent.
- April 2011: The Merger Committee completed their preliminary recommendations, as described in the May 2011 Special Edition of the Thursday Note (www.wlwca.org/wlwca_walce.html). These recommendations were presented to the WLWCA and WALCE Boards of Directors. Both boards voted in favor of continuing the Merger Committee's work, including conducting outreach activities on the proposal and drafting bylaws for the merged organization.
- May-July 2011: The Merger Committee sponsored a number of outreach efforts to get the word out and gather input from both organizations, including three webinars/workshops across the state, several Area Association and other county meetings, and publishing a Special Edition of the Thursday Note. The Committee also continued drafting bylaws based on their recommendations and the earlier Board-approved guiding principles.
- August 2011: Draft post-merger bylaws were presented to the WLWCA and WALCE Boards of Directors during a joint meeting. Both Boards unanimously recommended adoption of the new bylaws at their membership's upcoming annual meetings and the continuation of outreach efforts this fall by the Merger Committee.

What do the Proposed Bylaws Say? (Post WLWCA/WALCE Merger)

The proposed bylaws are now available for review and download from the WLWCA web site (www.wlwca.org/wlwca_walce.html). Before reading them, the ad-hoc committee recommends reading the summary below. By explaining some of the reasoning behind the bylaw language, this summary provides some context for the document:

Name: The Merger Committee recommends that the WLWCA name be maintained after the merger with WALCE because it already has good name recognition and the title is inclusive enough to include county conservation professional staff as well as Land Conservation Committee members. As an added bonus, keeping the WLWCA name would not require new Articles of Incorporation, which are currently on file with the State of Wisconsin.

Mission Statement: In keeping with the current missions of WLWCA and WALCE, and their powers and duties under state law, the following mission statement is proposed for the new WLWCA bylaws:

"To protect, conserve and enhance Wisconsin's natural resources by serving and representing county Land Conservation Committees and conservation department staff operating under the authorities granted in Chapter 92 Wisconsin Statutes."

Purposes: In keeping with *guiding principles* adopted by the WALCE and WLWCA Boards of Directors, the proposed bylaws prescribe multifaceted functions for the new nonprofit group. This list represents the combined purposes of WALCE and WLWCA. More specifically, the proposed purposes of the organization are to:

- *Further counties' common interests and statutory powers and duties relating to soil and water conservation, nonpoint source water pollution abatement and prevention, and other land use, natural resource management, cost-sharing, education and regulatory programs.*
- *Facilitate information exchange as well as technical and administrative program review to solve problems and improve services common to county governments in carrying out their duties.*
- *Provide Membership services such as newsletters, workshops, professional improvement training, conferences, environmental education, Member training, promotion of county conservation programs, and the coordination of various Member meetings.*
- *Provide information to state and federal agencies, the legislature, congress and executive branches, and advocate for sound program policies and legislation affecting county land and water conservation programs.*
- *Promote and assist in the development and dissemination of uniform conservation practice technical standards based on the latest research, technology and field experiences.*

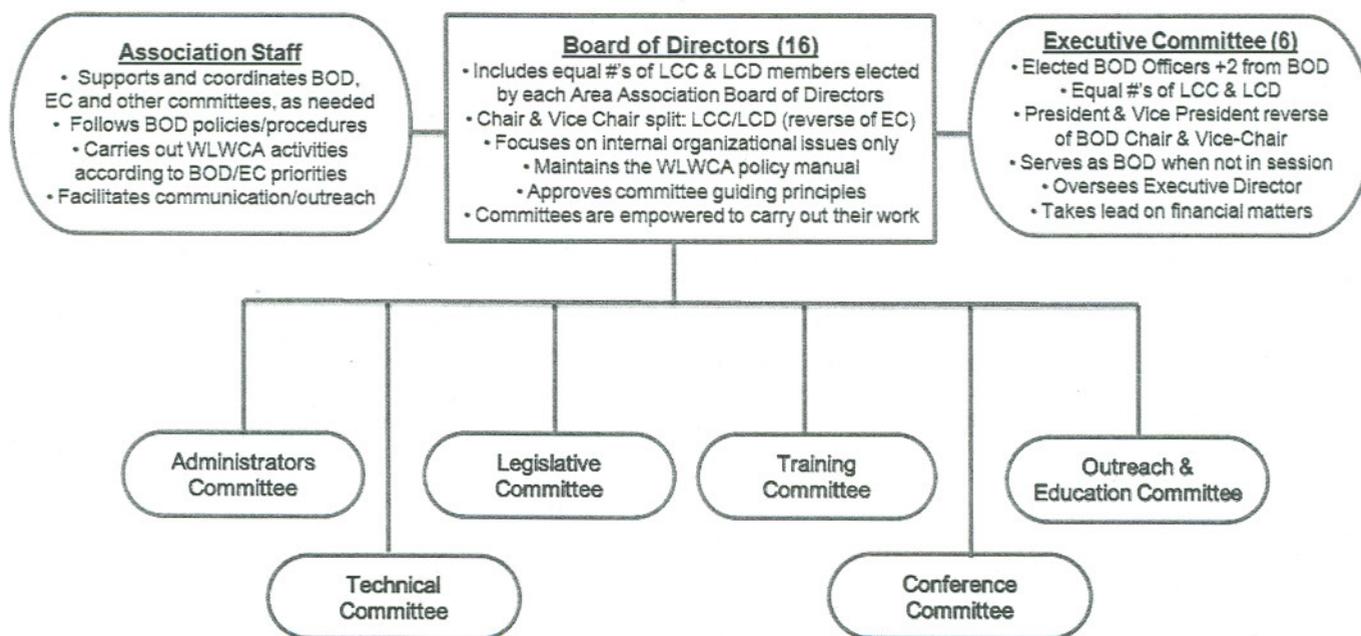
Membership: The proposed bylaws describe three types of annual membership dues in the new WLWCA:

1. County Member = all LCC members and conservation department staff are automatically Members.
2. Individual Member = only the person paying the fee is a member. No voting rights at annual meeting.
3. Associate Member = non-county individual or organization with a common mission. No voting rights.

It is hoped that every county will value the new merged organization enough to pay "County Membership" dues and that future dues structure will encourage this. However, if for some reason this does not happen, the Individual Membership option is available with limited voting rights. It is also hoped that the "Associate Member" option will help nurture partnerships with other conservation organizations. Annual dues amounts depend on future Boards of Directors and WLWCA financial needs, and are not part of this proposal.

Board of Directors: A key *guiding principle* of the merger process required the new Board of Directors to be made up of an equal number of representatives from County Land Conservation Committees (LCC) and Land Conservation Department (LCD) staff. In other words, the merged organization is to function as a partnership – recognizing the equally valued role of the local elected officials, as well as the professional conservationist in carrying out the above noted mission and purposes. The diagram below shows the proposed institutional structure, including basic membership and duties of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

Proposed WLWCA Organizational Structure



Empowered Committees: Another key *guiding principle* of the merger is to focus resources on a committee structure that is empowered to carry out their assigned duties. The six committees shown below the Board of Directors each have specific duties laid out in the bylaws. Their actual formation and level of activity will depend on the needs and priorities of the Association and the availability of volunteers. Diversity and cross-membership among the committees is encouraged. The true measure of success for the merged organization will be the accomplishments of the committees.

Area Associations: No changes are proposed to the Area Association boundaries. The new bylaws leave this up to the counties in the affected areas to work out any future proposed change. The Areas must elect their LCC and LCD representatives through an open nomination process to all Members in the Area and voting by the respective LCC/LCD representatives on the Area Association Board of Directors. All other Area Association activities are a local decision.

Challenges of a WLWCA/WALCE Merger:

- Leaving Titles at the Door. As a non-profit organization with a unified mission to support county land and water conservation programs, LCC members and LCD staff need to work effectively together as equals. We need to build on each other's strengths and focus on consensus decisions.



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- **Broad Participation.** To be effective at the proposed multifaceted functions of the merged organization, broad membership participation is required on a variety of committees. Local downsizing of committees and department staff will continue to make this a challenge.
- **Commitment/Diversity/Turnover.** While conservation staff generally have a career commitment to the mission, LCC members come from a wide variety of backgrounds and have a higher turnover rate through biennial elections. Therefore, regular membership cross-training is critical to sustain momentum in the Association.

Risks of Not Merging:

- **Decline.** If current merger and downsizing trends continue locally without merging WLWCA and WALCE, it may result in steadily declining opportunities for professional improvement, a loss of a unified conservation voice on land and water conservation policy issues, and reduced local program funding. As proposed in 2004, County Conservationists could be merged with WLWCA without the rest of WALCE since they work closely together anyway. In fact, while this is not the preferred merger path, it remains a valid option. However, WALCE would certainly lose support if this would happen, again leading to fewer opportunities for other conservation staff.

The Merger Committee is dedicated to an open process that encourages member input throughout the merger discussions. This will continue during fall Area Association meetings and a **statewide webinar scheduled for October 18th, 1:00 – 2:30 PM:** Web link: <http://tinyurl.com/walce-merger>. Conference call: #866-200-5786/ID #6082638. The WLWCA web site continues to be the clearing house for all information related to the Merger Committee, including the proposed bylaws (www.wlwca.org). To complete a merger, both WLWCA and WALCE memberships would need to approve the proposed bylaw changes at their next annual meetings (WLWCA in December/WALCE in February). As co-chairs of the Merger Committee, we believe merging WLWCA and WALCE is a natural evolution whose time has come. We hope you agree and encourage your support for the proposal.

Chuck Wagner, Merger Committee Co-Chair (WLWCA)
Kewaunee County Board/LCC Supervisor
920- 837-7712 or wagnerc50@yahoo.com

Perry Lindquist, Merger Committee Co-Chair (WALCE)
Waukesha County Land Resources Manager
262-548-7867 or plindquist@waukeshacounty.gov

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Land Use and Resource
Management Department

DATE: September 19, 2011

TO: Keith Foye, Chief
Land Management Section
DATCP
2811 Agriculture Drive
PO Box 8911
Madison, WI 53708-8911

FROM: Louise Olson, LURM – Deputy Director
County Conservationist *Louise A. Olson*

SUBJECT: Monday, September 19, 2011 Land Conservation Committee Meeting
Regarding Extension of the Walworth County Farmland Preservation Plan

This memo is to inform the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection that the Land Conservation Committee instructed the staff to submit this memo for a time extension for the completion of the Walworth County Farmland Preservation Plan as previously submitted.

The following issues were discussed at this meeting:

- Walworth County has a long established history of Exclusive Ag Zoning (A-1) and preservation.
- Walworth County zones following land resources, therefore parcels can contain multiple zoning designations.
- Walworth County does not have overlay districts.
- Farmland Preservation Areas should follow parcel boundaries per DATCP.
- Farmland Preservation Areas can include other zoning designations such as C-1, C-4, and M-3.
- Including the entire parcel in Farmland Preservation Area with other zoning designations (C-2, A-4, etc.) will cause conflict with Towns and property owners due to acreage limitations, and could be considered a “taking” of their land use rights.

Walworth County Extension Letter

- Walworth County adopted the 2035 Land Use Plan after numerous meetings with Towns, County Officials and Public input.
- The Farmland Preservation Plan is consistent with the County's recently adopted 2035 Multi -Jurisdictional Comprehensive Land Use Plan...Section 91.10(2) of Wis.Stats. states that "the farmland preservation plan is consistent with the comprehensive plan".

Walworth County has had a successful history of preserving their Prime Agricultural Farmland (A-1). This will be accomplished through zoning and future land use planning. The County also looks forward in achieving a positive resolution to our Farmland Preservation Plan. The Land Conservation Committee needs to reevaluate the Farmland Preservation Plan as certified and state program requirements. However, they would feel more comfortable and feel it would be advantageous for all concerned if the Administrative Rules were in place before finalizing the Walworth County Farmland Preservation Plan. Therefore, the Walworth County Land Conservation Committee is respectfully requesting an extension to the Walworth County Farmland Preservation Plan submitted on July 15, 2011.

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2011 CROP PRICE PROPOSAL

Walworth

COUNTY

| CROP | PRICE PROPOSED | If different than price proposed | |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | PRICE APPROVED | |
| <u>HAY:</u> | | | |
| | | <u>ORGANIC HAY</u> | |
| Alfalfa | \$141.74 / Ton | | |
| Alfalfa- mix | \$ 89.73 / Ton | \$222.50 / Ton | |
| <u>GRAINS:</u> | | | |
| | | <u>ORGANIC GRAINS</u> | |
| Barley | \$ 3.14 / Bushel | \$ 7.88 / Bushel | |
| Corn, Field | \$ 5.94 / Bushel | \$11.28 / Bushel | |
| Oats | \$ 2.85 / Bushel | \$ 4.69 / Bushel | |
| Rye | \$ na | \$ 8.35 / Bushel | |
| Soybeans | \$12.42/ Bushel | \$19.28 / Bushel | Edible soybeans @ \$27.76 / bu |
| Wheat | \$ 6.54 / Bushel | \$ 9.15 / Bushel | |

APIARIES:

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| 9 5/8" hive bodies | \$12.97 |
| 6 5/8" hive bodies | \$ 9.47 |
| 9 1/8" frames | \$.96 |
| 6 1/4" frames | \$.96 |
| 8 1/2 - 9 1/8" foundation | \$ 1.10 |
| 5 5/8" - 6 1/4" foundation | \$.72 |
| Bottom box | \$10.01 |
| Inner cover | \$ 8.99 |
| Top cover | \$12.86 |
| Excluder | \$11.64 |
| 3# bees with queen | \$75.00 |
| 2# bees with queen | \$61.00 |
| Honey | \$ 1.75 / # |

APPLES:

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|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Wholesale (common varieties) | : \$22.08 | Retail: | \$39.00 |
| Wholesale (specialty varieties) | : \$42.50 | Retail: | \$93.33 |

CHRISTMAS TREES:

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|-------------|----------------|
| Balsam Fir: | \$22.32 / each |
| Fraser Fir | \$29.84 / each |
| Spruce | \$14.83 / each |
| Scotch Pine | \$14.70 / each |
| White Pine | \$16.48 / each |

CANNING CROPS:

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|------------|--------------------------------|
| Beans | \$177.38 / T |
| Lima Beans | \$ 24.14 / cwt |
| Peas | \$ 13.00 / cwt or \$263.56 / T |
| Sweet Corn | \$100.04/ T |

Potatoes

\$ 9.51 / cwt

_____ County Approval Date: _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

WLWCA Annual Conference
Auction Identification Card



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