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Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Land Conservation and Resource Management Committee

Date of Meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2016

Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date: Monday, July 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Land Conservation and Resource Management Committee (LCRMC) was called order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Nettie Rosenow. Roll call showed that Don Hillert, David Danzinger, Scott Smith, and Hank Weisenbeck were all present.

Others present for all or part of the meeting: Carrie Olson, County Conservationist; Tim Wucherer, Resource Specialist; Mark Rasmussen, DNR Wildlife Technician; Todd Mau, NRCS District Conservationist; Tim Barth, landowner; Cindy Koperski, DNR Runoff Management.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the June 16, 2016 minutes as printed, seconded by Mr. Smith. All in favor. Carried.

Public Comments regarding posted agenda items No public comments.

Agency Reports Written reports were presented from Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), and GIS/Land Information Office. Todd Mau answered questions on the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contracts and incentives.

DNR Request for Letter of Support for Land Acquisition Mark Rasmussen presented information asked for committee support for a proposed DNR land acquisition of a 988 acre property located in southern Dunn County with 18,000 feet of shoreline along the Lower Chippewa River as a State Natural Area (SNA). Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the land acquisition letter of support to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board. Mr. Danzinger seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Cost-Share Programs Approvals Ms. Olson presented a project report of completed cost-share projects for review. A 1,200 linear foot long Grass Waterway was constructed at the Clarence Pronschinske agricultural property on Sobotta Valley Road for a cost-share of \$4,597.43. Mr. Hillert made a motion to pay the cost-share bills as presented. Mr. Danzinger seconded. All in favor. Carried.

NR 151 Runoff Rules Cindy Koperski, WI DNR Policy Specialist in the Runoff Management Department presented information on the Wisconsin Runoff Rules (NR 151, Wis. Admin. Code) that apply to all Wisconsin farms. Discussion was held on grants and funding opportunities, Performance Standards for both new and existing farms, and county compliance options and solutions for any runoff rule violations. Review of tillage setback requirement and stream vegetation buffer width for stream health were discussed. County Ordinances and stream buffer initiative research were recommended for review.

County Outdoor Recreational Plan Update County Outdoor Recreation Plan for 2016-2020 has been drafted. Ms. Olson is currently writing and prioritizing 'Action Items' for the plan, including projects, maps, trails, etc. that will enhance outdoor recreational opportunities. Once drafted the plan will require approval with a resolution through the LCRM Committee and adoption by the County Board. The draft plan will be posted on the Buffalo County website for review and input from any public. No action.

Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Policy Copies of the 'Buffalo County Reclamation Policy and Procedures' and 'Measurement Criteria' documents were provided to the LCRM Committee for review. Discussion was held on effective date (April 8, 2015), definitions, and inspection schedules. No action.

Program Budget Analysis: Ranking Programs and Services Ms. Olson presented the required Budget Analysis worksheet and requested assistance with ranking programs. Discussion was held on mandated services, timesheet activity tracking, program priorities and deficiencies.

County Conservationists Report Ms. Olson and Mr. Wucherer presented soil loss data (measured in Tons/Acre) from cropped fields and pastures under varied practices, conditions, and slopes from the 2016 Transect Survey. The committee requested additional information on historic data comparison, stream buffer data, and Phosphorus Index. Discussion was held on increasing farmer/renter awareness.

Chairperson Report No report.

Public Comments Not Relating to the Agenda None given.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 18 at 4:00 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Olson
County Conservationist