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Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Land Conservation and Resource Management Committee

Date of Meeting: Monday, November 14, 2016

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The regular meeting of the Land Conservation and Resource Management Committee (LCRMC) was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Chairperson Ms. Nettie Rosenow. Mr. David Danzinger and Mr. Doug Kane were present for all or part of the meeting. Mr. Hank Weisenbeck, Mr. Don Hillert, and Mr. Scott Smith were excused. Others present for all or part of the meeting: Ms. Carrie Olson, County Conservationist; Mr. Jason Poser, Land Records Coordinator; and Mr. Orlyn Hoksch, landowner.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Mr. Danzinger made a motion to accept the October 13, 2016 minutes as presented.

Public Comments regarding posted agenda items: No public comments.

Agency Reports: A written report was presented by Mr. Jason Poser for the GIS/Land Information Office. Mr. Poser answered questions about the parcel mapping initiative and explained that tax parcel mapping data updates were made daily with current status at 88.3% of the county mapped. Buffalo County's interactive parcel web mapping and Outlook Webmail program benefits were demonstrated and limitations were discussed.

CCC Structure Maintenance and Cost-Sharing: The Committee discussed CCC structure maintenance responsibilities and prioritizing cost-share funding. Past program policy directs the landowner as the responsible party for routine maintenance. The County has dedicated a portion of soil and water conservation cost-share money for repair and maintenance of 3-5 CCC structures each year when a landowner is interested, funding is available, and priority is assigned. Chair Rosenow suggested separating the cost-sharing funding process out from the remaining erosion control conservation structure projects. Discussion was had on sign-up process, funding amounts, and tracking maintenance needs of the 135 CCC-structures in the county.

Mr. Orlyn Hoksch described the damage and repairs needed at Structure #110 on his property on Iron Creek, which was caused during the August rain event. The committee agreed it was a priority to clean out the trash rack and would explore options for repair and advise Mr. Hoksch of solutions.

Cost-Share Programs Approvals: Ms. Olson presented a project report of completed cost-share projects for review. A Grade Stabilization Dam was constructed at the Kurt Fies property on County Road XX (Jahns Valley) for a cost-share of \$6,309.23, which includes landowner reimbursement for seeding. Two projects were completed at the Tom Marum property on Sand Road, including a Grade Stabilization Dam for a cost-share of \$4,166.81 and a CCC-Dam Repair project for cost-share of \$2,450.00. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to pay the cost-share bills as presented. Ms. Rosenow seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Manure Storage Ordinance Update Discussion was tabled until next month when a Department of Ag, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) model manure storage ordinance template would be available. The model ordinance will provide options for selecting specific performance standards and/or conditions that would be appropriate and enforceable. Public input will be provided.

Land & Water Resource Management Plan, 5-Year Extension Request: A 5-year extension request will be made to the Land & Water Conservation Board next month. The Buffalo County LWRM Plan is a 10-year plan, but DATCP requests counties give a 5-year presentation with the extension request. The committee reviewed and approved the request form and workplan highlighting the LWRM Plan objectives, accomplishments, and future priorities; Chair Rosenow signed the extension request form.

County Conservationists Report: Ms. Olson provided the following report:

- Repairs have been made to the PL-566 county-owned structures at Alma Mill and Garden Valley, including trash rack debris removal and repair to the plugged drawdown pipe at Alma Mill #1.
- The DATCP Producer-Led Watershed Grant Cover Crop Tour was successful with several landowners showing interest. Several meetings are being planned by Farmers Bureau, UW-Extension, and DATCP over the winter months to continue information and education sharing opportunities.

Chairperson Report: No report.

Public Comments Not Relating to the Agenda: None given.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 12th at 4:00 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Olson
County Conservationist