



## **MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: January 17, 2019  
TIME: 4:45 p.m.  
PLACE: Manitowoc County Office Complex, Room 502  
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered at the meeting:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion and possible action
3. Public Comment
4. Review Minutes from November 15, 2018 – Discussion and possible action
5. 2019 Education Program – Discussion only
6. Budget Review – Discussion only
7. 3-D Lidar Point Cloud Application – Discussion only
8. Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
9. Animal Waste Ordinance – Update of Violations – Discussion only
10. Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2019 Program Update – Discussion only
11. Farm Service Agency, 2019 Program Update – Discussion only
12. Lake Michigan Area Association Planning and Budget Meeting Update – Discussion only
13. Next Meeting Date
14. Adjournment

Date: January 9, 2019

Catherine Wagner, Chair  
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2019  
County Office Complex

Chairperson Cathy Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

**Roll Call:** Cathy Wagner, Nick Muench, Biff Hansen, Bob Cavanaugh, and Jon Neils were present. Larry Bonde was excused.

**Also in attendance were:** Jerry Halverson, Bruce Riesterer, and Tara Wachowski - Soil & Water Conservation Dept., and Matt Rataczak – Natural Resources Conservation Service.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jon Neils and seconded by Biff Hansen. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh to approve the November 15, 2018. Motion carried 5-0.

**2019 Education Program:** Tara Wachowski, recently hired Education Coordinator/ Administrative Support was introduced. Tara presented highlights of the department's 2019 education program, including: texting service, newsletter articles, go pro videos, press and radio announcements, Farmland Preservation information session, nutrient management farmer education classes, manure hauler and crop consultant meeting, soil health and cover crop forum, breakfast on the farm, cover crop signage, county fair nitrate screening booth, field day's and well water study.

**Budget Review:** Reviewed annual budget ending November 30, 2018.

**3-D LiDAR Point Cloud Application:** Bruce Riesterer stated that Manitowoc County's 3D LiDAR point cloud app features 3D viewing of 6.1 billion LiDAR data points. Overlay layers include parcels, 2 ft. contours, slope ranges, and aerial imagery. 3D LiDAR distances and areas can be obtained using the 3D measuring tool.

**Cost – Share Amendment:** Motion was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Biff Hansen to approve the Conservation Reserve Program Amendment as presented. Motion carried: 5-0.

**Animal Waste Ordinance –**

1. **Update of Violations:** Jerry Halverson informed the Committee that one County ordinance violations occurred since the update presented to the committee on November 15, 2018.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service Program Update:** Matt Rataczak stated that out of 35 Environmental Quality Incentive Program contracts, 19 ranked as a high priority. May 17, 2019 is the next deadline for applications.

**Farm Service Agency, 2019 Program Update:** No report.

**Lake Michigan Area Planning and Budget Meeting:** Jerry Halverson gave committee members a copy of the 2019 activity schedule and budget. Jerry also presented highlights from the meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Is scheduled for March 21, 2019 at 4:45 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Jon Neils and seconded by Nick Muench at 5:35 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson  
Department Director



## **MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** March 21, 2019

**TIME:** 4:45 p.m.

**PLACE:** Manitowoc County Office Complex, Room 502  
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion and possible action
3. Review Minutes from January 17, 2019 – Discussion and possible action
4. Public Comment
5. Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – USDA, APHIS Wildlife Services  
Review Claims – Discussion and possible action
6. Budget Review – Discussion only
7. Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
8. Multi Discharger Variance Payment – Discussion only
9. Department Activities – Discussion only
10. Animal Waste Ordinance – Update of Violations – Discussion only
11. Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2019 Program Update – Discussion only
12. Farm Service Agency, 2019 Program Update – Discussion only
13. Next Meeting Date
14. Adjournment

Date: March 8, 2019

Catherine Wagner, Chair  
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
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March 21, 2019  
County Office Complex, Room 502  
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

Chairperson Cathy Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

**Roll Call:** Cathy Wagner, Nick Muench, Biff Hansen, Bob Cavanaugh, Jon Neils, Larry Bonde and Michael Slattery were present.

**Also in attendance were:** Jerry Halverson - Soil & Water Conservation Dept.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Larry Bonde. Motion carried 7-0.

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Jon Neils and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh to approve the January 17, 2019 minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program:** Motion by Biff Hansen and seconded by Larry Bonde to approve 2018 claims as presented by Laurinda Koeck, USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Motion carried 7-0

**Budget Review:** Reviewed 2018 end of year balance and budget ending February 28, 2019.

**Cost – Share Contract:** Motion was made by Larry Bonde and seconded by Nick Muench to approve the Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program contract as presented. Motion carried: 7-0.

**Multi Discharger Variance Payment:** A total of \$10,252.28 was received from point source facilities. 65% of the money will be used to provide cost sharing to landowners to install best management conservation practices to reduce phosphorus runoff from non-point sources and 35% for staff funding.

**Department Activities:** Jerry Halverson updated the committee on recent department activities.

**Animal Waste Ordinance –**

1. **Update of Violations:** Jerry Halverson informed the Committee that one County ordinance violations occurred since the update presented to the committee on January 17, 2019.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service Program Update:** Jerry Halverson was asked by NRCS staff to inform the committee that a rotational grazing farm tour will be held in Manitowoc County, with a potential date of July 18, 2019.

**Farm Service Agency, 2019 Program Update:** Michael Slattery reported that the new farm bill program has been approved. Farmers could be eligible for a payout if animals died due to the very cold weather this past winter. Terri Wilfert was elected as a non-voting member on the Farm Service Agency committee.

**Next Meeting:** Is scheduled for May 16, 2019 at 4:45 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Jon Neils at 6:08 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson  
Department Director



## **MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** April 18, 2019

**TIME:** 4:35 PM

**PLACE:** Manitowoc County Office Complex, Room 111  
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered at the meeting:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion and possible action
3. Public Comment
4. Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program: USDA-Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service - Wildlife Services – Brian Maedke
  - a. Shooting Permit Waivers Relating to Claims - Discussion and possible action
5. Next Meeting Date – May 16, at 4:45 PM
6. Adjournment

Date: April 10, 2019

Catherine Wagner, Chair  
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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**MANITOWOC COUNTY**  
**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2019  
County Office Complex, Room 111  
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

Chairperson Cathy Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

**Roll Call:** Cathy Wagner, Bob Cavanaugh, Jon Neils, and Michael Slattery were present, Biff Hansen and Larry Bonde were excused, and Nick Muench was absent.

**Also in attendance were:** Tara Wachowski - Soil & Water Conservation Dept. and Brian Maedke – USDA-Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service-Wildlife Services

**Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jonathan Neils and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh. Motion carried 4-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program:** Motion by Mike Slattery and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh to approve 2018 claim waivers as presented by Brian Maedke, USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service-Wildlife Services. Motion carried 4-0

**Next Meeting:** Is scheduled for May 16, 2019 at 4:45 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Jon Neils and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh at 4:40 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson  
Department Director



## **MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** May 16, 2019

**TIME:** 4:45 p.m.

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4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion and possible action
3. Review Minutes from March 21, 2019 and April 18, 2019 – Discussion and possible action
4. Public Comment
5. Budget Review – Discussion only
6. Glacierland RC&D Pasture Walk – Nick Myers – Soil Conservation Technician – Discussion only
7. Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
8. Land Conservation Committee Member to Replace Larry Bonde – Discussion only
9. Animal Waste Ordinance – Update of Violations – Discussion only
10. Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2019 Program Update – Discussion only
11. Farm Service Agency, 2019 Program Update – Discussion only
12. Next Meeting Date
13. Adjournment

Date: May 8, 2019

Catherine Wagner, Chair  
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2019  
County Office Complex, Room 502  
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

Chairperson Cathy Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

**Roll Call:** Cathy Wagner, Biff Hansen, Bob Cavanaugh, Jon Neils were present. Larry Bonde Michael Slattery, and Nick Muench were excused.

**Also in attendance were:** Tony Smith - Soil & Water Conservation Dept. and Nick Myers – Glacierland RC&D.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Jon Neils. Motion carried 4-0.

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Jon Neils and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh to approve the March 21, 2019 and April 18, 2019 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Budget Review:** Reviewed budget ending March 31, 2019.

**Glacierland RC&D Pasture Walk:** Nick Myers gave a presentation on rotational grazing and invited the committee to a rotational grazing pasture walk that will take place on July 10, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm on the Saxon Homestead Farm, 15621 S. Union Road, Cleveland WI.

**Cost – Share Contract:** Motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Jon Neils to approve the Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program contracts as presented. Motion carried: 4-0.

**Land Conservation Committee Member to Replace Larry Bonde:** Committee members discussed desired background knowledge for candidates for the Land Conservation Committee.

**Animal Waste Ordinance –**

1. **Update of Violations:** No violations to report

**Natural Resources Conservation Service Program Update:** No report

**Farm Service Agency, 2019 Program Update:** No report

**Next Meeting:** Is scheduled for July 18, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Biff Hansen at 5:23 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson  
Department Director





## **MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: July 18, 2019  
TIME: 4:30 p.m.  
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4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion and possible action
3. Review Minutes from May 16, 2019 – Discussion and possible action
4. Public Comment
5. Budget Review – Discussion only
6. Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
7. Department Activities – Discussion only
8. Animal Waste Ordinance – Update of Violations – Discussion only
9. Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2019 Program Update – Discussion only
10. Farm Service Agency, 2019 Program Update – Discussion only
11. Next Meeting Date
12. Adjournment

Date: July 9, 2019

Catherine Wagner, Chair  
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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**NOTE:** A quorum was not present for the LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE meeting. Minutes unavailable.



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3. Review Minutes from May 16, 2019 – Discussion and possible action
4. Public Comment
5. Budget Review – Discussion only
6. Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
7. Department Activities – Discussion only
8. Animal Waste Ordinance – Update of Violations – Discussion only
9. Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2019 Program Update – Discussion only
10. Farm Service Agency, 2019 Program Update – Discussion only
11. Next Meeting Date
12. Adjournment

Date: July 9, 2019

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BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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**MANITOWOC COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: August 15, 2019

TIME: 4:20 PM

PLACE: Manitowoc County Office Complex, Room 111  
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered at the meeting:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion and possible action
3. Public Comment
4. Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
5. Next Meeting Date – September 19, 2019 at 4:45 PM
6. Adjournment

Date: August 7, 2019

Catherine Wagner, Chair  
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2019  
County Office Complex, Room 111  
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

Chairperson Cathy Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:21 pm.

**Roll Call:** Cathy Wagner, Nick Muench, Jonathan Neils, Bob Cavanaugh

**Also in attendance were:** Bruce Riesterer - Soil & Water Conservation Dept.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Nick Muench. Motion carried 4-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Cost – Share and CREP Contracts:** Motion was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Jonathan Neils to approve the Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program contracts signed by Cathy today and on July 18 as presented. Motion carried: 4-0.

**Next Meeting:** Is scheduled for September 19, 2019 at 4:45 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Jon Neils at 4:24 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson  
Department Director



## **MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** September 19, 2019

**TIME:** 4:45 pm

**PLACE:** Manitowoc County Office Complex, Room 502  
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion and possible action
3. Review Minutes from July 18, 2019 and August 15, 2019 – Discussion and possible action
4. Public Comment
5. Budget Review – Discussion only
6. Wildlife Damages and Claims Program Presentation – Brian Maedke, USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service – Wildlife Services - Discussion only
7. Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
8. Formation of a Bullhead Lake District – Discussion only
9. Recent Department Education Activities – Discussion only
10. Animal Waste Ordinance – Update of Violations – Discussion only
11. Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2019 Program Update – Discussion only
12. Farm Service Agency, 2019 Program Update – Discussion only
13. Next Meeting Date
14. Adjournment

Date: September 10, 2019

Catherine Wagner, Chair  
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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**MANITOWOC COUNTY**  
**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2019  
County Office Complex, Room 502  
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

Chairperson Cathy Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

**Roll Call:** Cathy Wagner, Nick Muench, Bob Cavanaugh, and Jon Neils were present. Michael Slattery and Biff Hansen were excused.

**Also in attendance were:** Supervisor Rita Metzger, Jerry Halverson and Tara Wachowski - Soil & Water Conservation Dept. and Brian Maedke – USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jon Neils and seconded by Nick Muench. Motion carried 4 - 0.

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Jon Neils and seconded by Nick Muench to approve the August 15, 2019 minutes. Motion carried 4 - 0. There was no quorum present for the July 18, 2019 meeting therefore no minutes to approve.

**Public Comment:** None

**Budget Review:** Reviewed budget ending July 31, 2019.

**Wildlife Damages and Claims Program:** Brian Maedke stated that eligible species include wild deer, bear, geese, turkey, elk, and cougar. Primary emphasis is on abatement and compensation is secondary. Maximum claim amount is \$10,000 per year. There will be no deer donation program this year in Manitowoc County because there is no interested processor.

**Cost – Share Contract:** Motion was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Jon Neils to approve the Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program contract as presented. Motion carried: 4 - 0.

**Formation of a Bullhead Lake District:** Jerry Halverson handed out information on formation of a Lake District and discussed the process involved.

**Recent Department Education Activities:** Tara Wachowski presented nitrate screening results from this year's County Fair booth. She informed the committee that 36 cover crop signs have been purchased to be installed through-out the County to promote the conservation practice. Tara also stated that the field demo to promote good manure application practices held at Vogel Family Farms on August 28, 2019 was a huge success with approximately 135 people in attendance.

**Animal Waste Ordinance – Update of Violations:** Jerry Halverson informed the Committee that two County ordinance violations occurred since the last update presented to the committee.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service Program Update:** No report

**Farm Service Agency, 2019 Program Update:** No report

**Next Meeting:** Is scheduled for November 21, 2019 at 4:45 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh at 6:00 pm. Motion carried 4 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson  
Department Director



## **MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** October 16, 2019

**TIME:** 6:30 PM

**PLACE:** Manitowoc County Office Complex, Room 300 & 301  
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered at the meeting:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion and possible action
3. Public Comment
4. Public Hearing on Petition to Establish a Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District for Bullhead Lake, Section 19, Town of Rockland  
– Discussion, public input, and possible action
5. Next Meeting Date – November 21, 2019 at 4:45 PM
6. Adjournment

Date: October 8, 2019

Catherine Wagner, Chair  
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2019

Location: County Office Complex, 4319 Expo Drive Manitowoc – Rooms 300 & 301

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Catherine Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Roll Call:** Catherine Wagner, Nick Muench, Jonathan Neils, Michael Slattery, and Bob Cavanaugh were present. Biff Hansen was excused.

Also in attendance: Jerry Halverson & Bruce Riesterer, Soil & Water Conservation Dept.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve the Agenda by Nick Muench and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Comment on Non – Hearing Issues:** None

**Public Hearing on Petition to Establish a Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District for Bullhead Lake, Section 19, Town of Rockland.**

Jerry Halverson informed the committee that Bullhead Lake is located approximately three miles west and one mile north of Collins. It has an approximate 70 acre water surface area and approximately 230 acre watershed area.

Halverson stated that the Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors has appointed the Manitowoc County Land Conservation Committee to conduct this public hearing. The committee will set forth its findings and recommendation on the petition to the Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors. The County Board will decide to grant or deny the petition based on the following four findings: (1.) That the petition is signed by a minimum of 51% of the landowners that would be included in the district. (2.) That the district is necessary. (3.) That the public health, comfort, convenience, necessity or public welfare will be promoted by the establishment of the district. (4.) That the property included in the district will be benefited by the district's establishment.

Halverson also stated that the public notice of this hearing was published in the Herald Times Reporter on October 4, 2019, written notice of the hearing was provided to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and on October 1, 2019, notice of this hearing, stating the boundaries of the proposed lake district was sent to the last known address of each landowner within the proposed district, Town of Rockland Chairperson and Clerk/Treasure, Chairperson of the Manitowoc County Board and Manitowoc County Executive.

Halverson read the petition and stated that it was signed by 20 of 33, 61% of the landowners that would be included in the district and those signatures are certified and notarized.



**Public Input:** Ron Gerrits, 810 Bullhead Lake Road, Brillion. President of Bullhead Lake Association. Gerrits stated that summer of 2019 water testing results indicated that phosphorus and water clarity levels in the lake were worse than they have been in the past 20 years. Oxygen levels are also very low which increases the risk of a winter fish kill and loss of beneficial rooted plants. In the past 19 years, two meters of water clarity have been lost. A study done by Manitowoc County showed that every meter of water clarity loss is a 10% loss in property value. A lake district is necessary because we need a mechanism to fund an alum treatment to halt the process. That would significantly improve property values, protect fisheries, and improve esthetic values and recreational opportunities. This treatment could cost approximately \$140,000. A Department of Natural Resource grant would cover \$105,000 of the cost which leaves approximately \$35,000 from other sources. If a lake district was formed, it would have the ability to tax land owners. This revenue would be used for the remaining cost of the treatment. Ron suggested an annual tax of \$150 per year for an improved property and \$75 for an unimproved property. The final values would be determined by lake district members. A major benefit of a district is to be able to apply for the grant because you have to certify that you have the funds. A lake district would also be able to borrow money at a lower rate of interest.

Kevin Wiest, 633 Neumeyer Lane, Brillion. Kevin stated he and his wife moved to the lake six years ago. The water was much better then. Water quality has steadily gotten worse and there has been an increase in blue-green algae. Ron stated that he doesn't want to swim in the lake or eat the fish. Algae was not harvested this past year because of bad water clarity.

Dennis Lombard, 925 Neumeyer Lane, Brillion. Dennis asked the committee to refer to figure 1 of the handout to see what the lake looks like. Dennis has trouble getting his pontoon boat through the algae. Dennis supports the petition.

No one else wished to speak and no written input was received.

Public input closed.

**Discussion:** Supervisor Neils stated that in the Town of Schleswig there are four districts and that improvements would not have been done without the districts. There is no way to have the necessary resources to put toward lakes and dams to maintain the level of care they currently have. Lake Districts are vital.

Supervisor Muench stated he supports the petition and keeping the issue local. You know where the problems are and know how to fix them.

Committee member Slattery asked Ron Gerrits what they will do if they do not get the Department of Natural Resource grant for the alum treatment. Gerrits stated there is no certainty that they will get the grant, however, the Department of Natural Resource Lake Ecologist thinks we have a very good chance based on the data we have been collecting. We will continue to apply for the grant annually with hopes to receive the grant. Gerrits also stated that the Lake District would have options on use for the tax levy dollars. He also stated that

there were three documented winter kills in the 60's and the lake had its first alum treatment in the 70's. The treatment is projected to have a 30 to 40 year benefit. Slattery asked if the alum treatment is a single treatment good for a number of years. Gerrits stated yes the one treatment should be good for decades of benefit. Slattery asked if the lake is open for public use. Gerrits replied yes. It often has very heavy public use. Slattery asked if there has been any attempt to engage the farmers to deter phosphorus runoff into the lake. Gerrits replied that prior to receiving a grant for the alum treatment, they will be required to show that the watershed is protected from runoff and that phosphorus entry will be reduced by using best management practices. Gerrits also stated that there are four farmers in the watershed and they are doing a good job following conservation practices. Most of the phosphorus in the lake is there from past practice and runoff events.

Supervisor Cavanaugh asked if the petition has been supported by the Town of Rockland. Gerrits said that they have not asked the Town for official support at this time but believes they would be supportive. We did notify the Town that we were going to Manitowoc County with the petition to form the district.

**Motion** by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Nick Muench that the Manitowoc County Land Conservation Committee makes recommendation to the Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors to grant the petition to establish a Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District for Bullhead Lake, Section 19, Town of Rockland, to be named Bullhead Lake District. Motion carried: 5-0

**Motion** by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Michael Slattery to recommend that the Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors appoint Catherine Wagner, Land Conservation Committee Chairperson to the Lake District's Board of Commissioners. Motion carried: 5-0

**Motion** by Jon Neils and seconded by Nick Muench that the Manitowoc County Land Conservation Committee recommends to the Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors that the County Board appoint Kevin Wiest, Beth Kohlman, and Ron Gerrits, landowners in the proposed district to the initial board of commissioners for the lake district. Motion carried 5-0

**Next Meeting Date:** November 21 at 4:45 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Michael Slattery and seconded by Jon Neils to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson  
Soil & Water Conservation Department Director



## **MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** November 21, 2019

**TIME:** 4:45 p.m.

**PLACE:** Manitowoc County Office Complex, Room 502  
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered at the meeting:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion and possible action
3. Public Comment
4. Review Minutes from September 19, 2019 and October 16, 2019 Meetings – Discussion and possible action
5. Wildlife Damages and Claims Program, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service – Discussion and possible action
  - A. 2019 crop prices
  - B. 2019 90% harvest cut-off date
  - C. 2020 preliminary budget
  - D. 2020 deer donation participation
6. Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
7. Budget Review – Discussion only
8. Soil and Water Resources Management Grant Program – 2020 Allocation - Discussion only
9. Pine Creek Watershed 9 key Element Plan Presentation– Discussion only
10. Animal Waste Ordinance – Discussion only
  - A. Update of violations
11. Natural Resource Conservation Service 2019 Program Update – Discussion only
12. Farm Service Agency 2019 Program Update - Discussion only
13. Proposed Bullhead Lake District Status – Discussion only
14. Next Meeting Date
15. Adjournment

Date: November 12, 2019

Catherine Wagner, Chair  
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

Any person wishing to attend the meeting who requires special accommodation because of a disability should contact the County Clerk's office at 920-683-4003 at least 24 hours before the meeting begins so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

"A majority of the members of the County Board of Supervisors, or any of its committees, may be present at the meeting to listen, observe and participate. If a majority of any such body is present, their presence constitutes a "meeting" under the Open Meeting Law as interpreted in State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Board, 173 Wis. 2d 553 (1993), even though the visiting body will take no action at this meeting."

MANITOWOC COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2019  
County Office Complex

Chairperson Cathy Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

**Roll Call:** Cathy Wagner, Nick Muench, Biff Hansen, and Bob Cavanaugh were present. Michael Slattery and Jon Neils were excused.

**Also in attendance were:** Jerry Halverson and Bruce Riesterer, Soil & Water Conservation Dept., and Charles Lovell, USDA, Wildlife Services

**Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Biff Hansen. Motion carried 4-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh to approve the September 19, 2019 and October 16, 2019 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

**Wildlife Damage and Claims Program:**

Charles Lovell explained that the program consists of damage claims and abatement of wildlife. The program covers black bear, cougar, white-tailed deer, elk, Canada goose, wild turkey, and sandhill crane damage.

Motion made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Nick Muench to approve the 2019 crop prices as presented by United States Department of Agriculture, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Nick Muench and seconded by Biff Hansen to set December 31, 2019 as the 90% harvest cut-off date. Motion carried 4-0

Motion made by Nick Muench and seconded by Biff Hansen to approve the 2020 County Budget/Financial Plan as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Nick Muench to approve participation in the 2020 deer donation program. Motion carried 4-0.

**Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program Cost Share Contracts:**

Motion made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Nick Muench to approve the contracts and agreements as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

**Budget Review:** Reviewed annual budget ending October 31, 2019.

**Soil and Water Resources Management Grant Program-2020 Allocation:**

After viewing a presentation developed by Susan Mockert, Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection on the Soil and Water Resource Management Grant program, Jerry Halverson informed the committee that the 2020 approved allocation for Manitowoc County is \$158,309 for staffing, \$60,600 for bond cost-sharing, and \$55,000 for SEG cost sharing.

**Pine Creek Watershed 9 Key Element Plan:** Bruce Riesterer informed the committee that the plan has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. Bruce presented a summary of plan content.

**Animal Waste Ordinance –**

1. **Update of Violations:** Jerry Halverson informed the Committee that four County Ordinance violations occurred since the update presented to the committee on September 19, 2019.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service Program Update:** No report.

**Farm Service Agency Report:** – No report.

**Proposed Bullhead Lake District:** Jerry Halverson informed the committee that the resolution to create the district and appoint the initial district board of commissioners will be on the December 17, 2019 County Board of Supervisors agenda for possible action.

**Next Meeting:** Is scheduled for January 16, 2020 at 4:45 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Nick Muench at 6:06 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson  
Department Director