



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: January 21, 2021

TIME: 4:45 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Call

Members of the committee will meet remotely via conference call. Committee members and the public may join the meeting by **calling: 605-313-4483 Access Code: 613348#**

The following matters may be considered at the meeting:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda - Discussion and possible action
3. Review Minutes from November 19, 2020 - Discussion and possible action
4. Public Comment
5. Wildlife Damage and Claims Program, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service - Discussion and possible action
 1. Claims Review/Approval
6. Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection 2021 Allocation - Discussion only
7. Budget Review – Discussion only
8. Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association Annual Meeting - Discussion only
9. Animal Waste Ordinance - Discussion only
 - A. Update of violations
10. Next Meeting Date
11. Adjournment

Date: January 12, 2021

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2021
Phone Conference Call

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

Roll Call: Cathy Wagner, Biff Hansen, Ted Hoffman, Jon Neils, Michael Slattery and Tyler Martell were present. Bob Cavanaugh was excused.

Also in attendance were: Jerry Halverson - Soil & Water Conservation Department, and Brian Maedke, USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. (APHIS)

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Tyler Martell and seconded by Biff Hansen. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes: Motion was made by Jon Neils and seconded by Tyler Martell to approve the November 19, 2020 minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment: None

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program:

1. **Claims review:** Motion by Biff Hansen and seconded by Tyler Martell to approve 2020 claims as presented by Brian Maedke, USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Motion carried 6-0

Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection 2021 Allocation: Jerry Halverson informed the committee that Manitowoc County's allocation for 2021 is \$158,494 for staffing, \$57,150 for bond cost sharing, and \$75,000 for SEG cost sharing.

Budget Review: Reviewed budget ending date November 30, 2020.

Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association Annual Meeting: Jerry Halverson informed the committee that the virtual meeting will be held from March 2, 2021 through March 5, 2021. Early registration is due by February 12, 2021.

Annual Waste Ordinance Violations: None to report

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for March 18, 2021 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Tyler Martell at 5:20 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson
Department Director



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, March 18, 2021

TIME: 4:45 p.m.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Office Complex, **Room 300**
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. Review Minutes from January 21, 2021 – Discussion and possible action
4. Public Comment
5. Wildlife Damage and Claims Program, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service
- Discussion and possible action
 1. Claims Review/Approval
6. Budget Review – Discussion only
7. Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
8. Use of Multi-Discharger Variance Funds in Pine Creek Watershed– Discussion and possible action
9. Review of Livestock Facility Licensing Ordinance – Discussion only
10. Animal Waste Ordinance – Discussion only
 - A. Update of violations
11. Next Meeting Date
12. Adjournment

Date: March 10, 2021

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2021

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

Roll Call: Cathy Wagner, Biff Hansen, Ted Hoffman, Jon Neils, Tyler Martell, Bob Cavanaugh were present. Michael Slattery was excused.

Also in attendance were: Jerry Halverson - Soil & Water Conservation Department, and Brian Maedke, USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. (APHIS)

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Jon Neils. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes: Motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Jon Neils to approve the January 21, 2021 minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment: None

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program:

1. **Claims review:** Motion by Biff Hansen and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh to approve 2020 claims as presented by Brian Maedke, USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Motion carried 6-0.

Budget Review: Reviewed budget ending date February 28, 2021.

Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: Motion by Jon Neils and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh to approve Soil and Water Resource Management Grant cost share contracts as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Use of Multi-Discharger Variance Funds in the Pine Creek Watershed: Motion by Jon Neils and seconded by Biff Hansen to use funds in the watershed to cost share with landowners to install best management practices approved by the Department of Natural Resources, and not to exceed 90% of the actual or maximum acceptable cost for the practice if funds are used in conjunction with other grant funds, and to re-evaluate this policy in three years from this motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Review of Livestock Facility Licensing Ordinance: Jerry Halverson presented information on the history of Livestock Facility Licensing and on the application process.

Annual Waste Ordinance Violations: None to report.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for May 20, 2021 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Jon Neils and seconded by Biff Hansen at 5:58 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson
Department Director



**MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: May 20, 2021

TIME: 4:45 p.m.

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

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion and possible action
3. Review Minutes from March 18, 2021 – Discussion and possible action
4. Public Comment
5. Department of Agriculture Trade & Consumer Protection Innovation Grant – Discussion only
6. Budget Review – Discussion only
7. Progress Report on Pine Creek Watershed – Discussion only
8. Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
9. Department of Natural Resources 2021 Tree Sale Report – Discussion only
10. Animal Waste Ordinance – Discussion only
 - A. Update of violations
11. Next Meeting Date
12. Adjournment

Date: May 11, 2021

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2021

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

Roll Call: Cathy Wagner, Jon Neils, Bob Cavanaugh, and Michael Slattery were present. Biff Hansen, Ted Hoffman and Tyler Martell were excused.

Also in attendance were: Jerry Halverson and Laura Paletta - Soil & Water Conservation Department.

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 18, 2021 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: None

Department of Agriculture Trade & Consumer Protection Innovation Grant: Laura Paletta informed the committee that grant funds will be used to cost share with landowners to install harvestable buffers along streams and lakes, inter-seed alfalfa into corn silage to provide soil cover after the corn crop is harvested, and repair tile line blow-outs to reduce nutrient discharge to lakes and streams from cropped fields.

Budget Review: Reviewed budget ending date April 30, 2021.

Progress Report on Pine Creek Watershed: Laura Paletta stated that good progress is being made in the watershed, including a transect survey to establish a snap shot of crops being planted and conservation practices being implemented. Future surveys will identify trends and change. A website has been developed for the watershed, numerous conservation practices will be installed this summer, and a meeting with 31 people in attendance was held on May 7 to discuss conservation practices to improve water quality and protect soil from erosion.

Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: Motion by Jon Neils and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh to approve Soil and Water Resource Management Grant cost share contracts as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Department of Natural Resources 2021 Tree Sale Report: Jerry Halverson handed out a summary sheet of trees and shrubs that were sold in the county by the Department of Natural Resources. 46,478 trees and shrubs were sold. Jerry also stated that the county has two tree planting machines for rent.

Annual Waste Ordinance Violations: Two violations of Manitowoc County Ordinance for surface applying manure to land that drains to a sinkhole and not incorporated within 48 hours.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for July 15, 2021 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Jon Neils at 5:41 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson
Department Director



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, July 15, 2021

TIME: 4:45 p.m.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Office Complex **Room 300**
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. Review Minutes from May 20, 2021 – Discussion and possible action
4. Public Comment
5. Update on UW Agriculture Educator Position for Manitowoc County – Discussion only
6. Report on Conservation Practice Installation and Education Programming – Discussion only
7. Ben Vos - NW1/4, NE1/4, Section 31, T21N-R22E, Town of Cooperstown
Stream Grazing Permit Request - Discussion and possible action
8. Budget Review – Discussion only
9. Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
10. Animal Waste Ordinance – Discussion only
 - A. Update of violations
11. Next Meeting Date
12. Adjournment

Date: July 7, 2021

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2021

Chairperson Cathy Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:47 pm.

Roll Call: Cathy Wagner, Bob Cavanaugh, Michael Slattery and Ted Hoffman were present. Biff Hansen, Jon Neils and Tyler Martell were excused.

Also in attendance were: Bob Ziegelbauer – County Executive, Jerry Halverson, Tara Wachowski, and Cheyenne Behnke - Soil & Water Conservation Department.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Michael Slattery. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes: Motion was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Michael Slattery to approve the May 20, 2021 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: None

Update on UW Agriculture Educator Position: Bob Ziegelbauer presented an update on the status of the vacant position. A request to fill the position is at UW Madison and waiting for them to open it for applications. Hopeful the position will be filled in September. The position will be announced as an Agriculture Educator and not just Dairy. The County Educator will have access to other UW specialist.

Conservation Practice Installation and Education Programming: Tara Wachowski, Cheyenne Behnke, and Jerry Halverson reported on progress to date with installation and implementation of conservation practices and past and future education activities. A handout was given to committee members with detailed information on department programming.

Ben Voss - Stream Grazing Permit Request: Motion to approve the permit request was made by Michael Slattery and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh. Motion carried 4-0.

Budget Review: Budget was reviewed for the five months ending May 31, 2021.

Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: Motion by Ted Hoffman and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh to approve Soil and Water Resource Management Grant cost share contracts as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Michael Slattery voted present.

Annual Waste Ordinance Violations: No violations to report.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for September 16, 2021 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Ted Hoffman at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson
Department Director



**MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTICE**



DATE: Thursday, August 19, 2021
TIME: 4:35 PM
PLACE: Manitowoc County Office Complex, **Room 300**
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220

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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 16, 2021 at 4:45 PM
6. Adjournment

Date: August 6, 2021

Cancelled: August 18, 2021 @ 8:39 a.m.

Catherine Wagner, Chair

BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, September 16, 2021

TIME: 4:45 p.m.

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

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion and possible action
3. Public Comment
4. Review Minutes from July 15, 2021 – Discussion and possible action
5. Wildlife Damages and Claims Program, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service
– Discussion and possible action
 - A. 2021 crop prices
 - B. Program Update
6. Animal Waste Management Ordinance Manure Spreading Requirements - Kieth Biese, Dairy Farmer
– Discussion only
7. Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
8. Budget Review – Discussion only
9. Field Demonstration Day at Libertyland Farm – Discussion only
10. Animal Waste Ordinance – Discussion only
 - A. Update on violations
11. Department Staffing Update – Discussion only
12. Next Meeting Date
13. Adjournment

Date: September 7, 2021

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

Sept. 16, 2021

Chairperson Cathy Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.

Roll Call: Cathy Wagner, Ted Hoffman, Tyler Martell and Biff Hansen were present. Bob Cavanaugh, Michael Slattery, and Jon Neils were excused.

Also in attendance were: Jerry Halverson, - Soil & Water Conservation Department and Brian Maedke – Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Tyler Martell and seconded by Ted Hoffman. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Tyler Martell to approve the July 15, 2021 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Wildlife Damages and Claims Program:

- A. 2021 Crop Prices** – Motion by Biff Hansen and seconded by Ted Hoffman to set the following crop prices for 2021: corn @ \$5.53/bushel, soybeans @ \$13.02/bushel, wheat @ \$6.70/bushel, oats @ \$4.25/bushel. Motion carried 4-0.
- B. Program Update** – Brian Maedke informed the committee that there is proposed legislation to take the Wildlife Damage Claims program from the counties and work directly between Department of Natural Resources and Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service.

Animal Waste Management Ordinance Manure Spreading Requirements: Kieth Biese was un-able to attend the meeting. Jerry Halverson explained Kieth's concern that he no-tills and is not allowed to apply liquid manure on steep slopes without incorporation with-in 48 hours per requirements in the ordinance. Kieth vertical tilled manure into field # 13 last fall and now has some soil erosion. Keith would like a variance from the ordinance, however the County Ordinance does not allow the committee to grant variances. Committee members voiced support for the ordinance as written to reduce the risk of manure runoff to the stream and sinkhole near the field.

Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: Motion by Biff Hansen and seconded by Tyler Martel to approve Soil and Water Resource Management Grant cost share contracts as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Budget Review: Budget was reviewed ending July 31, 2021

Field Demonstration Day at Libertyland Farm: Cathy Wagner attended the field day on August 18th and gave a report on the three demonstration sites and the robotic milking facility on the farm. The field day was attended by approximately 125 people.

Annual Waste Ordinance Violations: No violations to report.

Department Staffing Update: Tony Smith- Resource Conservationist will be retiring on October 1, 2021 after 33 years of service with Manitowoc County.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for November 18, 2021 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Tyler Martel and seconded by Biff Hansen at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson
Department Director



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3. Public Comment
4. Review Minutes from September 16, 2021 – Discussion and possible action
5. Wildlife Damages and Claims Program, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service
– Discussion and possible action
 - A. 2021 Enrollee List
 - B. 2021 90% Harvest Cut-Off Date
 - C. 2022 Budget
 - D. 2022 Deer Donation Participation
6. Update on Education Program – Tara Wachowski, Education Coordinator – Discussion only
7. Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
8. Budget Review – Discussion only
9. Animal Waste Ordinance – Discussion only
 - A. Update on Violations
10. 2022 Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Program Allocations – Discussion only
11. Livestock Facility Licensing Ordinance Update – Discussion only
12. Next Meeting Date
13. Adjournment

Date: November 10, 2021

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: Jerry Halverson, Department Director

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2021
County Office Complex

Vice Chairperson Jon Neils called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

Roll Call: Biff Hansen, Bob Cavanaugh, Jon Neils, Ted Hoffman, and Michael Slattery were present. Cathy Wagner and Tyler Martell were excused.

Also in attendance were: Jerry Halverson and Tara Wachowski, Soil & Water Conservation Dept., and Brian Maedke, USDA, Wildlife Services by telephone.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Ted Hoffman to approve the September 16, 2021 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Wildlife Damage and Claims Program:

Brian Maedke from Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service presented the following information for discussion and or action.

- A. 2021 enrollee list of landowner participants in the wildlife damage and claims program.
- B. Harvest cut-off date
Motion made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Ted Hoffman to set December 1, 2021 as the 90% harvest cut-off date. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. 2022 budget
Motion made by Ted Hoffman and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh to approve the proposed program budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. 2022 Deer donation
Motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Michael Slattery to approve participation in the program. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on Nitrate screening: Tara Wachowski presented results of this year's nitrate screening program. Nitrate screenings were completed on water from 284 wells during the county fair and community-wide nitrate-screening week. 65% of the total screened were at 2.0 mg/L or less, 26% were in the range of 2.1mg/L to 9.9 mg/L, and 9% were at 10.0 mg/L or greater. 10.0 mg/L and above exceeds the state drinking water standard for nitrates. Committee discussion followed on sources of nitrate in ground water, and potential funding sources to assist landowners with high levels of nitrate in their drinking water.

Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program Cost Share Contracts:

Motion made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Biff Hansen to approve the contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Review: Reviewed annual budget ending October 31, 2021.

Animal Waste Ordinance –

- A. Update of Violations:** Jerry Halverson informed the Committee that two County Ordinance violations occurred since the update presented to the committee on September 16, 2021.

2022 Soil & Water Resource Management Grant Program Allocations: Jerry Halverson informed the committee that 2022 allocations from Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for staffing will be \$188,730 and \$121,000 for landowner cost sharing.

Livestock Facility Licensing Ordinance Update: Jerry Halverson stated that to date in 2021, six existing license modifications have been approved, two new licenses have been approved, and one new license application request is in process.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for January 20, 2022 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Biff Hansen at 5:55 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson
Department Director