



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, January 19, 2023
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: December 15, 2022 – Discussion and action
4. Public Comment(s) – Discussion and possible action
5. Budget Review – Discussion and possible action
6. SWCD Department Activities – Discussion only
 1. Surface Water Quality Grants (Implementation & Education)
 2. LCC Meeting Presentations 2023
 3. Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association
 4. Manure Spills and Manitowoc County Responsibility
7. USDA Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
8. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
9. Livestock Facility Licensing Update
10. Next Meeting Date and Time
11. Adjournment

Date: January 9, 2023

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023
County Office Complex

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

Roll Call: Cathy Wagner, Ryan Phipps, Tim Jadowski and Lee Engelbrecht were present. Biff Hansen, Ted Hoffman and W. Michael Slattery were excused.

Also, in attendance were: David Wetenkamp and Lindsey Hawig, Soil & Water Conservation Dept.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Tim Jadowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Motion was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Ryan Phipps to approve the December 15, 2022 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Budget Review: Reviewed annual budget ending November 30, 2022.

Soil & Water Activities:

1. Surface Water Quality Grants (Implementation & Education) Submitted to DNR for approval. Will hear if awarded in February 2023.
2. LCC Meeting Presentations 2023. Ideas were discussed on what the committee would like to learn about. Supervisor Phipps suggested Lakes Association presentation.
3. Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association- Meeting held on January 6, 2023. Manitowoc County will be hosting summer tour in 2024. PFA's and Shoreland resolutions developed by the LMALWCA were forwarded to the Land & Water Association.
4. Manure Spills and Manitowoc County Responsibility- David Wetenkamp presented PowerPoint on history of complaints and spills referencing existing ordinances and gave examples of how they are responded to and documented.

USDA Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: None

Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: None

Livestock Facility Licensing Update - A complete application was received from a large farm. The town and surrounding landowners have been notified.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for March 16, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Ryan Phipps at 5:36 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: Lindsey Hawig



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3. Review Minutes: January 19, 2023 – Discussion and action
4. Public Comment(s) – Discussion and possible action
5. Budget Review – Discussion and possible action
6. LCC Presentation – Jake Divine, Glacierland RC&D and Manitowoc County Projects & Programs
7. Wildlife Damage Program Claims Update – Brian Maedke
8. SWCD Department Activities – Discussion only
 1. Surface Water Quality Grants
 2. LCC Meeting Presentation May 2023 – Brian Maedke, APHIS & Wildlife Damage Program
 3. Farmer to Farmer Meetings
 4. NMFE Training
 5. WLWCA Conference
 6. CCA/Manure Hauler Meeting
 7. DATCP Annual Report and Staffing Reimbursement
 8. DATCP Annual Work Plan & SWRM Grant
9. USDA Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
10. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
11. Livestock Facility Licensing Update
 - 1 Livestock Facility License Approved
 - 3 Livestock Facility License Modifications requested
 - 2 Livestock Facility License Applications In-Progress
12. Next Meeting Date and Time
13. Adjournment

Date: March 8, 2023

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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

Roll Call: Catherine Wagner, Ryan Phipps, Tim Jadowski, Ted Hoffman, W. Michael Slattery and Lee Engelbrecht were present. Biff Hansen was excused.

Also, in attendance were: David Wetenkamp and Lindsey Hawig, Soil & Water Conservation Department, Brian Maedke, USDA, Wildlife Services and Jake Divine, Glacierland RC&D.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Tim Jadowski and seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Motion was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Ryan Phipps to approve the January 19, 2023 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Budget Review: Reviewed annual budget ending February 28, 2023.

LCC Presentation: Jake Divine, Glacierland RC&D and Manitowoc Projects and Programs they offer the county. Glacierland RC&D is requesting funds to help treat the problem areas of phragmites throughout the county. Supervisor Wagner suggested to contact the County Board Chairperson, Tyler Martel.

Wildlife Damage Program Claims Update: Brian Maedke, USDA, Wildlife Services. Maedke is looking for approval to pay out the claims that have been submitted for 2022. Motion was made by Ryan Phipps and seconded by Lee Engelbrecht to approve the claims that were presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Soil & Water Activities:

SWCD Department Activities – Discussion only

1. Surface Water Quality Grants- Approved for \$50,000 for projects. Will receive documents in the mail in the next couple of weeks for the grant application finalization.
2. LCC Mtg Presentation May 2023- Brian Maedke, APHIS & Wildlife Damage Program- Will give a more in-depth overview of the programs and what he all provides for Manitowoc County.
3. Farmer to Farmer Meetings- Manitowoc County Forage Council and Soil Water Quality Team came together and held 3 smaller farmer meetings. There was about 60-70 people who attended the meetings. The meetings were held in Newton, Reedsville and Mishicot areas.
4. NMFE Training- Held training in January. 13 people attended the training. There were people who presented from UW Madison Division of Extension and DATCP. Heard good feedback from the attendees.
5. WLWCA Conference- Sent 4 department people down to the annual convention. It was held at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. Very good conference with a lot of information brought back to the department. This conference is open to any committee members as well.

6. CCA/Manure Hauler Meeting- Held in early March. There was about 40 people in attendance. Held this meeting to continue the great working relationship that we all have with custom haulers, agronomists and agency staff.
7. DATCP Annual Report and Staffing Reimbursement- This has been submitted and we have received reimbursements. Will give an updated budget overview at the May meeting.
8. DATCP 2022 Annual Work Plan & SWRM Grant- The department is working on gathering information for the application for these grants.

USDA Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: 1 modification to be approved by the committee.

Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements:

- 1 Livestock Facility License Approved
- 3 Livestock Facility License Modifications requested
- 2 Livestock Facility License Applications In-Progress

Added 3 Livestock Facility License applications since the agenda was submitted- total of 8 applications

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for May 18, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Phipps and seconded by Ted Hoffmann at 6:02 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: Lindsey Hawig



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, April 20, 2023
TIME: **4:30 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(s) – Discussion and possible action
4. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
5. Animal Waste Ordinance/Spills – Discussion only
6. Next Meeting Date and Time
7. Adjournment

Date: April 11, 2023

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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April 20, 2023
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Chairperson Catherine Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Catherine Wagner, Ryan Phipps, Tim Jadowski, W. Michael Slattery and Lee Engelbrecht were present. Biff Hansen and Ted Hoffmann were excused.

Also, in attendance were: David Wetenkamp and Lindsey Hawig, Soil & Water Conservation Department, Brandon Vogel, Rite Way Applications and Judy Knudsen, UW Madison Division of Extension- Brown County.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Tim Jadowski and seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements:

- Contract #1 was approved for the waterway to be installed.
- Contract #2 bid came back with possible cost to be over \$14,000.00. Cost Share Contract needed to be approved by LCC and notarized as a precaution.

Animal Waste Ordinance/Spills:

- Received manure spill complaint in the southern region of Manitowoc County April 2. WDNR Spills Hotline was notified and was cleaned up in a timely manner with minimal impact by farm operator. Site was Investigated and coordinated with WDNR CAFO Specialist.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for May 18, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Tim Jadowski at 4:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: Lindsey Hawig



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4. Public Comment(s) – Discussion and possible action
5. Budget Review(s) – (2022 Final & April 2023) Discussion and possible action
6. LCC Presentation – Brian Maedke, APHIS Program update & fieldwork presentation
7. SWCD Department Activities – Discussion only
 1. LCC Meeting Presentation July 2023 – Manitowoc Lakes Association & 2022 SWCD Accomplishment Report
 2. Program Assistant Interviews
 3. LMALWCA – Meeting May 19, 2023, Door County Maritime Museum
 4. AB 131 – LCC FSA Representative
 5. MDV Budget 2023
 6. AWO Complaints
 7. DATCP Annual Work Plan & SWRM Grant
 8. Upcoming SWCD events: CREP & Harvestable Buffer Pop-up lunch, Cover Crop Poker Run, Breakfast-on-the-Farm June 11 (Twin Cities Vue Dairy, LLC), Pollinator Week June 18-24, Farmer Market June 24
8. USDA Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
9. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
10. Livestock Facility Licensing Update
 - 1 Livestock Facility License Approved
 - 2 Livestock Facility License Modifications Approved
 - AWO/Siting Permits
11. Next Meeting Date and Time
12. Adjournment

Date: May 9, 2023

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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May 18, 2023
County Office Complex

LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Catherine Wagner, Ryan Phipps, Tim Jadowski, Lee Engelbrecht and Biff Hansen were present. Ted Hoffman and W. Michael Slattery were excused.

Also, in attendance were: David Wetenkamp, Soil & Water Conservation Department, Brian Maedke, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services and Vicky Mueller, USDA-FSA.

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

Minutes: Motion was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Ryan Phipps to approve the March 16, 2023 and April 20, 2023 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Budget Review: Reviewed SWCD 2022 budget ending December 31, 2022 and SWCD budget ending April 30, 2023. Comments by Ryan Phipps that insurance costs and premiums will continue to rise.

LCC Presentation: Brian Maedke - USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services, presented to the LCC an overview of the program, fieldwork duties and wildlife species eligible for damage claims. Details and issues were also shared about other nuisance wildlife the agency helps in removal and management of with landowners, farmers and communities. A power point with visual details and unique issues with Manitowoc County problems and locations were presented. Lee Engelbrecht and Biff Hansen shared examples of deer damage issues in the County and City of Manitowoc. Vicky Mueller shared issues with sandhill cranes emerging as populations increase from a bird that was once rarely seen decades ago.

SWCD Department Activities – Discussion only

1. **LCC Meeting Presentation July 2023** – Manitowoc County Lakes Association will present information on the organization and lakes data. The SWCD will share with the LCC the SWCD 2022 Accomplishment Report.
2. **Program Assistant Interviews** – Lindsey Hawig, previous Program Assistant has resigned. Jerilynn Zutz has accepted position and will start 6/5/23.
3. **LMALWCA** – Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association meeting is scheduled on May 19, 2023 at Door County Maritime Museum. Soil & Water Director extended invite to LCC Supervisors to attend if available for meeting.
4. **AB-131 LCC FSA Representative** – Information on the background and history leading to Assembly Bill (AB-131) & Senate Bill (SB-147) was shared with the LCC. Documents of proceedings from the State Assembly and Senate Committee recommendations, Statute 92 changes and votes were shared for review. Wisconsin Land & Water was instrumental in getting the changes to be heard and taken up by the Legislature to address USDA-FSA concerns regarding an FSA representative being required on County LCC Committees statewide. The statute change has been unanimously supported under AB-131 and is awaiting passage by the Senate under SB-147. Many counties have already made changes to their informational pages. Motion by Biff Hansen and seconded by Lee Engelbrecht that; “LCC approves the title change in official county directory from FSA Representative to Agricultural Representative on recommendation and approval by Corp Counsel.” Motion carried unanimously.

5. **MDV Budget 2023** – Soil & Water Director shared information on the Multi-Discharger Variance Program with LCC. This program is directed by the WDNR to allow point source dischargers of phosphorus to commit funds to Manitowoc County SWCD to help offset/reduce phosphorus by using agricultural bmp's in strategic locations. Currently Manitowoc County has received \$34,540.67 for 2023.
6. **AWO Complaints** – Since April 2023 (2) complaints have been addressed.
7. **DATCP Annual Work Plan & SWRM Grant** – Soil & Water Director shared with the LCC the annual work plan details required by DATCP to be developed in order to stay eligible for state staffing and cost-sharing grants. The funds for 2022 and 2023 were discussed. The annual report has been submitted and allocations set for 2023.
8. **Upcoming SWCD Events** – The SWCD has been coordinating with USDA, BTL Farm Demo, UW-Extension, Manitowoc County Lakes Association and community groups on CREP & Harvestable Buffer Pop-Up events, Cover Crop Poker Run, Breakfast-on-the Farm - June 11 (Twin Cities Vue Dairy, LLC), and events for Pollinator Week (June 18-24) and the Farmers Market on June 24. Biff Hansen shared the farmers market is a great place to learn and share information as well.

USDA Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: (1) CRP contract signed by LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner. Discussion ensued regarding the LCC's future involvement in signing CRP contracts. Due to sensitive and time related issues with USDA/NRCS sign-up dates, FSA/NRCS has requested a change in how contracts are presented and approved by the LCC. Vicky Mueller, Manitowoc County FSA, shared (3) options for the committee to consider. (1) Refuse to sign contracts annually by motion, (2) Designate SWCD Director by motion to sign and report to LCC on contracts signed during scheduled meetings, or (3) Keep status-quo and require all CRP contracts to be reviewed and approved by LCC at scheduled meetings or mutually agreed upon times by LCC. LCC members discussed options. Ryan Phipps appreciates continued cooperation and review of contracts and is concerned of SWCD Director signing contracts. Biff Hansen agrees it is good for the LCC to see and review contracts that affect Manitowoc County. Lee Engelbrecht states willingness to allow SWCD Director to sign contracts if shared with LCC and approved by Corp Counsel. Vicky Mueller stated the FSA can move ahead with contracts without LCC signature. Motion by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Ryan Phipps that; "LCC tables its decision to change USDA/NRCS contract approval procedure until all information can be reviewed and confirmed by Corp Counsel." Motion carried unanimously.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: SWCD submitted (2) contracts for inter-seeding cover crops for review and approval with signature from LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner. Motion by Biff Hansen and seconded by Lee Engelbrecht to approve contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Livestock Facility Licensing & AWO Update: SWCD has processed and approved 1 Livestock Facility License, 3 Livestock Facility License Modifications and has approved 4 Animal Waste Storage Permits.

Next Meeting Date & Time: July 20, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Phipps and seconded by Biff Hansen at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



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5. Budget Review(s) – Discussion
6. LCC Presentation – Manitowoc County Lakes Association
7. SWCD Department Activities – Discussion
 1. 2022 SWCD Accomplishment Report
 2. Vehicle replacement
 3. September LCC Presentation – WDNR Liaisons Meet-n-Greet
 3. LMALWCA meeting update
 4. State County Conservation meeting
 5. SWCD Events – Breakfast-on-the-Farm, Cover Crop Poker Run, Soil Health Field Day, Inland Lake Celebration & Awards, Pollinator Tour
 6. Upcoming SWCD Events – Farmer-to-Farmer, 2023 County Fair
8. USDA Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
9. FSA/NRCS Contracts LCC Motion – Discussion & Action
10. AB-131/SB-147 FSA Representative LCC Motion – Discussion & Action
11. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
12. Animal Waste Ordinance – Update & Discussion
13. Livestock Facility Licensing - Update & Discussion
14. Next Meeting Date and Time
15. Adjournment

Date: July 12, 2023

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Catherine Wagner, Ryan Phipps, Biff Hansen, and Michael Slattery were present. Ted Hoffman arrived shortly after roll call. Tim Jadowski and Lee Engelbrecht were excused.

Also, in attendance were: David Wetenkamp, Soil & Water Conservation Department, Joe Smedberg and Vicky Mueller from USDA-FSA, and Jerry Corfman from Manitowoc County Lakes Association (MCLA).

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ryan Phipps and seconded by Michael Slattery. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Ryan Phipps to approve the May 18, 2023 LCC minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

USDA Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements & FSA/NRCS Contracts LCC Motion:

SWCD director requests agenda items #8 & #9 be moved up in agenda so FSA/NRCS staff could meet other time obligations. Request was agreed to by LCC Chair and committee members. SWCD director shared with the committee that LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner had been scheduled to sign (5) various CRP & CREP contracts prior to this meeting to complete time sensitive deadlines for landowners. Joe Smedberg shared and submitted (2) more contracts for review and approval. Catherine Wagner requested details on the contracts. Seven contracts were up for approval. On May 18, 2023, a motion was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Ryan Phipps that; "LCC tables its decision to change USDA/NRCS contract approval procedure until all information can be reviewed and approved by Corp Counsel". This motion passed unanimously. The (3) options for the contract procedure was shared with Corp Counsel and LCC Committee. After review of the NRCS Manual, Corp Council advised to consider allowing the SWCD director to sign contracts and share details with the LCC committee at regular scheduled meetings. Supervisor Phipps asked the SWCD director if he was comfortable with this option, David Wetenkamp agreed. **Motion** by Supervisor Ryan Phipps and seconded by Supervisor Biff Hansen to; "Authorize the Soil & Water Director or his or her designee to sign CRP/CREP contracts on behalf of the LCC and report such authorizations to the committee at its next scheduled meeting". Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Review(s): Reviewed SWCD 2023 budgets ending May 31, 2023 and June 30, 2023. Comments by Biff Hansen that in order to keep printing costs down that LCC agenda items be sent digitally. Question by Michael Slattery if budgets are on a fiscal year or calendar year organization. SWCD director confirmed budgets are by calendar year.

LCC Presentation: Jerry Corfman from Manitowoc County Lakes Association (MCLA), presented to the LCC an overview of the MCLA and its main functions. Jerry gave a brief history of past MCLA presidents and his lake property being a demonstration site for landowners view and to promote natural shorelines and erosion prevention. Natural shoreline plantings also reduce fertilizer and herbicide use around lakes and creates beneficial habitat lacking when lawns are manicured right up to the lakeshore. Natural shorelines are also less attractive to Canada geese and prevent nuisance issues compared to manicured lawns. The MCLA works with many agencies, the SWCD, community groups, LNRP and Glacierland RC&D to name a few. MCLA collaborates on various projects from water monitoring/testing, sediment basins, wetland projects, weed control, shoreline habitat, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), and new technologies in progress for phosphorus reduction. Michael Slattery had a comment on Carstens Lake phosphorus project and the high levels of phosphorus in recent years. Ted Hoffman commented that phosphorus remains in the water and sediments for many years, and record rain levels in 2019 & 2020

have had an effect on runoff. Supervisor Hansen questioned if all the projects and progress within the watershed are making beneficial impacts. SWCD director stated that the projects are making a difference, soil health practices are only just catching on in the watershed and will take years to see the results given how long phosphorus can remain in lakes before natural processes can stabilize. The last three years levels have been declining. Please see Manitowoc County Lakes Association webpage for more information on the organization.

SWCD Department Activities – Discussions

1. **2022 SWCD Accomplishment Report** – The soil & water director shared with the LCC committee a copy of the 2022 SWCD Annual Update and discussed the changes that have occurred in staffing. Discussion highlighted the staff's accomplishments in relation to the 10 Year Land & Water Resource Management Plan. The department is fully staffed, 2023 got off to a good start and many projects are installed, with many more in progress. Supervisor Biff Hansen requested the annual update report be shared with the County Board of Supervisors.
2. **SWCD vehicle replacement** – Current 2007 van is in poor condition, needs repairs, has safety concerns due to structural rust and reliability for staff is an issue. Department director looked into costs to replace vehicle with 2024 crew cab truck. Ordering will delay delivery until summer of 2024 and costs are more than buying a 2023 in-stock model. Funds are currently in budget for purchase and are approved by finance director with correspondence with county executive. **Motion** by Supervisor Ryan Phipps and seconded by Ted Hoffman to approve of vehicle purchase to replace van. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **September LCC Presentation** – A meet and greet gathering of existing local WDNR liaisons has been scheduled for the September 21, 2023 LCC meeting. Currently 6 WDNR staff have agreed to attend sharing their faces, job duties and how they work within Manitowoc County.
4. **LMALWCA** – Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association meeting minutes for May 19, 2023 were shared with the committee. The meeting took place at the Door County Museum.
5. **State County Conservation meeting** – No discussion
6. **SWCD Events** – Soil & water director shared information on the various local field days and community events listed in the agenda. Events were well attended given weather on a few days and comments from attendees were positive. Comment by agricultural representative Michael Slattery that more events need to be scheduled, with new initiatives and find methods to help promote and gain new interested landowners. Supervisor Hansen commented that the pollinator events and plantings around the county and in urban areas have been appreciated and visually beneficial.
7. **Upcoming SWCD Events** – Local events that the SWCD will be attending to provide education and outreach activities was shared.

Agenda item #8 & #9 moved up in agenda schedule: See above.

AB-131/SB-147 FSA Representative LCC Motion: On May 18, 2023 a motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Lee Engelbrecht that; "LCC approves the title change in Manitowoc County official directory from FSA Representative to Agricultural Representative on recommendation and approval by Corp Counsel". Motion passed unanimously. Information on Statute 92 was reviewed by Corp Counsel. Corp Counsel shared with the SWCD director that he authorizes the change in our official directory, however, Manitowoc County Code sec. 2.04(7) provides makeup of the LCC by ordinance. Due to this we will have to do an ordinance amendment to the County Code to address the Statute 92 change when it is officially passed by the Senate and signed by the Governor. Then it will be official.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: SWCD director submitted a detailed document list explaining all (23) contracts for various bmp's for review and approval with signature from LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner. Motion by Supervisor Biff Hansen and seconded by Supervisor Ryan Phipps to approve contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Animal Waste Ordinance (AWO): SWCD has processed and approved (3) AWO Permits.

Livestock Facility Licensing (LFL): SWCD has received (1) new LFL modification request. (1) LFL modification was approved.

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: Motion by Ryan Phipps and seconded by Biff Hansen to schedule next LCC meetings on August 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. & September 21, 2023 at 4:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Phipps and seconded by Biff Hansen at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, August 17, 2023
TIME: 4:30 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: July 20, 2023 – Discussion and action
4. Public Comment(s) – Discussion and possible action
5. 2024 Budget – SWCD Grants
6. USDA Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
7. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion and possible action
8. Livestock Facility Licensing Update
9. Next Meeting Date and Time
10. Adjournment

Date: August 7, 2023

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2023
County Office Complex, 4319 Expo Dr. Rm 300

Chairperson Catherine Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Catherine Wagner, Ryan Phipps, Tim Jadowski, Biff Hansen and Lee Engelbrecht were present. W. Michael Slattery and Ted Hoffmann were excused.

Also, in attendance were: David Wetenkamp and Joe Henson, Soil & Water Conservation Department.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Tim Jadowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Review July 20, 2023 LCC Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Ryan Phipps. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

2024 Budget – SWCD Grants: SWCD Director shared with the LCC (4) possible grants that the department would like to apply for to be incorporated into the 2024 budget if approved and awarded. Supervisor Jadowski asked for clarification on grants, the fiscal detail and if the grants were going to be ongoing or one-time ventures. SWCD Director explained the PLG Grant (DATCP funded Producer Led Grant) and TNC (The Nature Conservancy) Grant would be for developing a Farmer Led Producer group in Manitowoc County. The mission is to form a proactive and “all farms” friendly group to mentor all farmers and showcase to the community the environmental efforts farmers are making to improve our resources. Supervisor Engelbrecht shared his approval and need for positive farmer relations in the community. A Cellcom Green Gifts Grant and SARE (Sustainable Agricultural Research & Education) Grant would be used for developing and buying materials to create a mobile classroom to bolster outreach and education activities with schools, community groups and conservation field days. Supervisor Hansen stated the benefit to schools, our youth and education from this type of project. Total grant ask for the (4) grants is 26K. As proposed, they are one-time grants, but if the producer led group organizes and establishes itself with members, mission, name and 501C3 status, additional grant funds can be applied for in the next 2-3 years until the group takes on full administrative and fiscal responsibility of the newly formed organization. At this point the SWCD Department would become only a collaborator and technical supporter of the group according to a MOU.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phipps, “To support and approve applying for the (4) grants and incorporate them into the 2024 budget accounts”, was seconded by Supervisor Engelbrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

USDA Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: In LCC agreement with FSA/NRCS to assign oversight and signature responsibility of CRP contracts to SWCD Director, (6) CRP re-enrollment contracts were signed by SWCD Director. **Motion** to approve the contracts was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Tim Jadowski. Motion carried unanimously.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: (21) contracts were presented to the LCC for consideration and approval. Supervisor Hansen asked for clarification on harvestable buffer payment costs. SWCD Director explained this stream corridor protection practice is contracted as a payment to remove cropland out of production for 5/10/15 year

agreements and costs are higher than normal one-year bmp payments. **Motion** to approve the contracts was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Biff Hansen. Motion carried unanimously.

Livestock Facility Licensing Update: Since last meeting, one existing farm has submitted a complete application to apply for a Livestock Facility License. The town and adjacent landowners have been notified by mail of the process and ongoing 30-day comment period. The farm is not asking to expand, just be licensed to meet Manitowoc County Ordinance, Chapter 28 – Livestock Facility Licensing.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for September 21, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Ryan Phipps at 4:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



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5. September LCC Presentation – WDNR Liaisons Meet-n-Greet
6. Wildlife Damage Program/APHIS (Brian Maedke) - Update
7. Budget Review(s) – Discussion
8. SWCD Department Activities – Discussion
 1. 2024 Budget
 2. Producer Led Group Update
 3. PLG & Cellcom Green Gifts Grant(s)
 4. November LCC Presentation – BTL Farm Cooperator & InDepth Agronomy (tentative)
 5. FPP Program update
 6. Wisconsin Land & Water LCD Strategic Plan Survey
 7. SWCD Events – County Fair Booth & Well Testing, MCLA Presentation, UW Teacher Tour, BTL Herbicide Field Trial
 8. Upcoming SWCD Events – Pine Creek UW Student Tour, Cover Crop Interactive Map Tour, Manure Hauler/CCA Meeting, PLG Soil Testing
9. USDA Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
10. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
11. Animal Waste Ordinance – Update & Discussion
12. Livestock Facility Licensing - Update & Discussion
13. Next Meeting Date and Time
14. Adjournment

Date: September 12, 2023

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2023
County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Catherine Wagner, Ryan Phipps, Biff Hansen, Tim Jadowski, Lee Engelbrecht, Michael Slattery and Ted Hoffman.

Also, in attendance were: David Wetenkamp (SWCD), Brian Maedke (USDA/APHIS), Erin Hanson, Trenton Brenny, Katherine Wendorf, Mary Gansberg, Stephen Easterly and Joshua Weidenhoeft (WDNR)

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

Minutes: Motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Ryan Phipps to approve the August 17, 2023 LCC minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

LCC Presentation (WDNR Liaisons Meet-n-Greet): (6) NE Area Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) staff came to meet and share their names, faces and what they provide in their positions related to Manitowoc County. Each staff member took 5-10 minutes for introductions and to share current duties, projects and commitments they have working with citizens, volunteer groups, farmers, agencies and local governments. Information was shared on topics related to CAFO farms, water resource management and monitoring, grants, complaints, spills and farm runoff compliance, managing state wildlife areas and game law enforcement. Supervisors and LCC members discussed issues related to CAFO farm animal units, complaints, water resources of Manitowoc County and Lake Michigan, and wildlife damage issues. The LCC Chairperson, Catherine Wagner, thanked all for attending and taking the time to present their information.

Wildlife Damage Program/APHIS: Brian Maedke updated the committee on current Manitowoc County landowners enrolled in the wildlife damage program and details of the various claims. Brian also asked to attend the next scheduled LCC meeting to present information on the 2024 budget, damage cutoff dates and also entering into a new 5-year agreement with USDA/APHIS for continued support with the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program.

Budget Review(s): Reviewed SWCD 2023 budget ending August 31, 2023. Department Director shared with the LCC current status of the operating budget and increased printing costs.

SWCD Department Activities – Discussions

1. **2024 Budget** – The soil & water director shared with the LCC, budget figures for the proposed 2024 budget in relation to the current 2023 approved budget. Some revenues have changed due to reduced statewide DATCP grant funding and some expenses have changed and needed adjustment, but the bottom-line is no major changes to budget compared to 2023. The proposed 2024 SWCD budget has been submitted and is being reviewed by the Finance Director and County Executive. As submitted, the county levy impact is less than 2023. The proposed budget may change and stay tuned to the County Executive's 2024 Budget proposal for details.
2. **Producer Led Group Update (PLG)** – Manitowoc County SWCD, UW-Extension and (10) area farm producers have been working on an initiative to form an all-inclusive farm community group that will focus on mentoring, soil health, water quality and farm sustainability in the county to provide a pro-active approach to improving land, soil and water. Led by farmers, the (10) area producers have agreed to be members of the start-up group and invest time, equipment and funds to get the group started towards 501C3 status. The SWCD and UW have collaborated with the newly formed group to develop and apply for matching grant funds from the Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP). The group selected Michael Slattery to be president at this time and has chosen to call the new group the, "Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative", based on having producer members located in all (7) of the county's main watersheds. The group has agreed to move ahead and form the group regardless of grant funding. Cathy Wagner invited Michael Slattery and the PLG Group to update the committee as things progress.
3. **PLG & Cellcom Green Gifts Grant(s)** – In cooperation with the new producer led group a grant for \$7,000 was applied for from DATCP. In an effort to promote and foster outreach and educational activities with schools, community and farm groups a grant for \$5000 was submitted under the Cellcom Green Gifts program to purchase materials, supplies and equipment to outfit an enclosed trailer into a mobile classroom.
4. **November LCC Presentation** – The LCC has agreed to have the Between-the-Lakes (BTL) farm demo manager, Steve Hoffman (InDepth Agronomy) and farm demo operator, Greg Gries (Liberty Land Farms) to attend, sharing their knowledge about the BTL Farm Demo Group and its accomplishments.
5. **FPP Update** – DATCP staff have shared pending changes to the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) with SWCD staff. The (2) main changes are proposed tax credits being adjusted from \$7.50/ac to \$10.00/ac and that land currently enrolled in the program under solar farms may become ineligible for participation. This is tentative and is being discussed at the state level.
6. **Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA)** – Known as WI Land & Water, this organization supports land conservation staff, land conservation committees and many partners in conservation activities, training, area associations, state funding actions and legislative proposals for conservation related issues. The organization has asked the LCC members to help with strategic planning efforts by providing feedback by filling out the supplied paper or on-line survey to focus guidance on current and emerging conservation issues around the state.

7. SWCD Events – SWCD director shared information on the various local field days and community events listed in the agenda. Supervisor Ryan Phipps asked about current well contamination found and if information can be shared with the LCC on well testing results from 2023. About 115 wells were tested at the County Fair Booth and with community testing, over 300 well tests were conducted so far. Data and maps are being updated and will be sent to all LCC members when finished. LCC member Ted Hoffman, commented on possible initiatives to reach out to local high schools for educational outreach. SWCD director shared that school events and outreach has taken place at the university and at various schools. SWCD staff will continue this effort.

8. Upcoming SWCD Events – Local events that the SWCD will be conducting to provide education and outreach activities was shared as listed in the agenda.

USDA/NRCS Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Information and details on the (7) CREP & CRP contracts signed by the department director was shared. **Motion** by Ted Hoffman and seconded by Michael Slattery to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: SWCD director submitted a detailed document listing (25) contracts for various bmp's for review and approval with signature from LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner. **Motion** by Ted Hoffman and seconded by Ryan Phipps to approve contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Animal Waste Ordinance (AWO): SWCD has processed and approved (8) AWO Permits.

Livestock Facility Licensing (LFL): SWCD has approved (1) new LFL; (1) LFL modification is in review and (2) new LFL applications are being reviewed.

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: November 16, 2023, 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Tim Jadowski at 6:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, October 19, 2023
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5. 2024 Budget
6. USDA Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
7. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
8. Next Meeting Date and Time
9. Adjournment

Date: October 11, 2023

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2023
County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Catherine Wagner, Ryan Phipps, Biff Hansen, Tim Jadowski, Lee Engelbrecht were present. Michael Slattery and Ted Hoffman were excused.

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD)

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Tim Jadowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Ryan Phipps to approve the September 21, 2023 LCC minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

2024 Budget – The soil & water director shared with the LCC, budget figures for the proposed 2024 budget in relation to 2022 & 2023 budgets. As submitted, the county levy impact is less than 2023. Supervisor Ryan Phipps asked if there are any upcoming foreseeable issues or big changes in future budgets. SWCD director shared no big changes planned and the budgets will be mostly affected by inflationary operating costs and normal staffing cost increases as approved by the County Board.

USDA/NRCS Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – None to report.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: SWCD director submitted a detailed document listing (15) contracts for various bmp's for review and approval with signature from LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner. **Motion** by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Biff Hansen to approve contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: November 16, 2023, 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Biff Hansen at 4:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



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5. November LCC Presentation - Between-the-Lakes Demonstration Farms Network (Steve Hoffman - InDepth Agronomy & Greg Gries - Libertyland Farms)
6. Wildlife Damage Program/APHIS - 5Yr Agreement, 2024 Budget & Cut-off-date - Discussion & Action
7. Glacierland RC&D (Jake Divine) - Update on LMPN, CDCW & Phragmites Program
8. Budget Review - Discussion
9. LCC Approval & Chair Signature of December SWCD Contracts - Discussion & Action
10. SWCD Department Activities - Discussion
 1. 2024 Budget Update - 2023 SWRM Transfer Funds
 2. Producer Led Group Grant Update
 3. Cellcom Green Gifts Grant Update
 4. SARE Grant - Update
 5. January LCC Presentation - Michael Slattery, "Rights of Nature"
 6. LMALWCA - October 6, 2023 meeting
 7. SWCD Activities - Annual transect survey, UW-Student Tour, UW-Groundwater Scientist, Cover crops & weed suppression videos, inter-seeding field day, LTC Student Ag Presentation
 8. Upcoming SWCD Activities - Interactive cover crop map, Manure Hauler/CCA Mtg, FVTC Student Career Presentation
11. USDA Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements - Discussion & Action
12. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements - Discussion & Action
13. Animal Waste Ordinance - Update & Discussion
14. Livestock Facility Licensing - Update & Discussion
15. Next Meeting Date and Time
16. Adjournment

Date: November 07, 2023

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023
County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Catherine Wagner, Lee Engelbrecht, Tim Jadowski, and Ted Hoffman were present. Ryan Phipps, Biff Hansen and Michael Slattery were excused.

Also, in attendance were: David Wetenkamp, Steve Hoffman, Greg Gries, and Jake Divine.

Agenda: **Motion** to approve the agenda was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Tim Jadowski. **Motion carried** unanimously.

Minutes: **Motion** was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Ted Hoffman to approve the October 19, 2023 LCC minutes. **Motion carried** unanimously.

Public Comment: None

LCC Presentation (Between-the-Lakes Demonstration Farm Network - BTL): Steve Hoffman - InDepth Agronomy and BTL Manager described how Calumet, Manitowoc, Sheboygan and Fon du Lac Counties cooperate with the demo farm operators involved in the network. The main goals, efforts and activities center around finding new ways to manage crops, manure, fertilizers, chemicals, cover crops and tillage methods to reduce costs, and be more efficient while adding water quality and soil health benefits. Greg Gries, owner of Libertyland Farms, is Manitowoc County's designated Demonstration Farm. Greg described the various ways he has experimented with planting methods, tillage and manure applications while incorporating diverse seed types and mixtures of cover crop seed in timing with his planting practices. Working with Steve, Greg found ways to be more efficient and develop recipes he can share with others making the switch to these beneficial practices, saving new adopters time and money. Both Steve and Greg expressed their appreciation for the support the LCC has given them and left an open invitation to call with any questions in the future on the Demo Farm Network or on-farm activities. LCC Chair thanked guests for attendance and sharing.

Wildlife Damage Program/APHIS: Brian Maedke sent updated information and agreements to the Soil & Water Director to share with the committee on current Manitowoc County landowners enrolled in the wildlife damage program and action items including the 2023 crop pricing, harvest cut-off date, 2024 deer donation program, 2024 Manitowoc WDACP budget, and also entering into a new 5-year agreement with USDA/APHIS for continued support with the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program. After review and comments from Ted Hoffman on the crop pricing averages and cut-off date being fair, the LCC voted and approved all (5) action items with signature from the LCC Chair. All funds in the program charged to Manitowoc County for participation are 100% reimbursed by the State with no levy cost to the County budget.

- **Motion** by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Ted Hoffman to approve proposed 2023 WDACP crop prices. **Motion carried** unanimously.
- **Motion** by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Tim Jadowski to approve proposed 2023 December 1, 2023 crop harvest cut-off date. **Motion carried** unanimously.
- **Motion** by Ted Hoffman and seconded by Lee Engelbrecht to approve participation in the 2024 Deer Donation Program. **Motion carried** unanimously.

- **Motion** by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Tim Jadowski to approve proposed 2024 Manitowoc WDACP budget of \$22,832.01. **Motion carried** unanimously.
- **Motion** by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Ted Hoffman to approve proposed Manitowoc 5-year CSA 2024-2028 WDACP Agreement, pending concurrence with Manitowoc County Corporation Counsel. **Motion carried** unanimously.

Glacierland RC&D: Jake Divine, Invasive Species Coordinator, shared an update with the LCC on the major activities he and his colleagues accomplished in 2023 working with the Lake Management Protection Grant program, Clean Boats-Clean Waters activities and Invasive Species work in Manitowoc County. Harpt Lake was targeted this year with many inspections and interviews done with boaters and fishermen. Grants are being pursued to address issues at Long Lake and other lakes. Supervisor Tim Jadowski asked about possible brochures being available on-site at boat launches to help citizens identify and monitor local lakes and provide educational opportunities. Jake shared that much of the information is available from the WDNR on-line resources, is shared with many bait shops and lake associations but agreed a brochure with basic information would be beneficial at sites. Educational outreach activities at many city parks continue, with signs of success being realized with the participation of many volunteers.

Budget Review(s): Reviewed SWCD 2023 budget ending September 30, 2023. Department Director shared with the LCC current status of the operating budget. LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner commented on budget reviews being beneficial and appreciated.

LCC Approval & Chair Signature of December SWCD Contracts: End of year contracts will need to be approved prior to December 31, 2023. LCC will schedule December LCC meeting.

SWCD Department Activities – Discussions

1. **2024 Budget** – The soil & water director shared with the LCC, changes that occurred to the 2024 proposed budget due to the County receiving additional funds to spend in 2024 from a DATCP SEG Grant transfer of \$30,000. Funds will be used for conservation practices in the county.
2. **Producer Led Group Update (PLG)** – Manitowoc County SWCD, UW-Extension and (10) area farm producers have been working on an initiative to form an all-inclusive farm community group called the Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative (SRSC). The farm producers put seed funds together and applied for a DATCP PLG Grant. The grant was selected for funding and the SRSC now has about 10k in funds to start forming by-laws and applying for 501C3 non-profit status.
3. **Cellcom Green Gifts Grant** – In an effort to promote and foster outreach and educational activities with schools, community and farm groups in Manitowoc County, the SWCD Grants and Education Coordinator, Tara Wachowski, submitted a proposal under the Cellcom Green Gifts program. The proposal was accepted and Cellcom staff came and awarded \$500 to the department for educational outreach activities.
4. **Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) Grant** – In an effort to promote and foster outreach and educational activities with schools, community and farm groups in Manitowoc County, the SWCD Grants and Education Coordinator, Tara Wachowski, submitted a proposal under the SARE Grant program for a mobile classroom. Approval is pending.
5. **November LCC Presentation** – The LCC has agreed to have Michael Slattery conduct a presentation and discussion forum on the “Rights-of-Nature” and share his knowledge and views on this topic and ethic.

- 6. Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association (LMALWCA) –** The area association met on October 6, 2023 in the City of Oconto. The soil & water director attended the meeting and briefed the LCC on the agenda and minutes. The association had a presentation given from Adam Bechle (Sea Grant) on the status and trends of Lake Michigan water levels and impacts. Sheboygan County shared how their tree sale program is managed. The area association discussed resolutions on foreign ownership of land and sent a list of concerns to Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) regarding issues relating to farmland drainage and tiling.
- 7. SWCD Events –** SWCD director shared information on the various local field days and community events listed in the agenda.
- 8. Upcoming SWCD Events –** Local events that the SWCD will be conducting to provide education and outreach activities was shared as listed in the agenda.

USDA/NRCS Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – None

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: SWCD director submitted a detailed document listing (8) contracts for various bmp's for review and approval with signature from LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner. **Motion** by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Tim Jadowski to approve contracts. **Motion carried** unanimously.

Animal Waste Ordinance (AWO): SWCD has processed and approved (4) AWO Permits.

Livestock Facility Licensing (LFL): SWCD has approved (1) LFL modification and (2) new LFL applications are complete and are under the public comment period.

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: December 21, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn was made by Ted Hoffman and seconded by Tim Jadowski at 5:57 p.m. **Motion carried** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



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5. Manitowoc County SWCD Letters-of-Support (LOS) policy & procedure – Discussion & Action
6. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Amended 3-21-2024

December 21, 2023
County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Roll Call: Catherine Wagner, Biff Hansen and Lee Engelbrecht were present. Tim Jadowski arrived shortly after roll call. Ryan Phipps, Michael Slattery and Ted Hoffman were excused.

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD)

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

Minutes: Motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Lee Engelbrecht to approve the November 16, 2023 LCC minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: On behalf of Michael Slattery, David Wetenkamp shared with the LCC an update on the newly formed producer led group, the Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative. Articles and by-laws have been approved by the group. Officers were selected and elected for Executive Director – Michael Slattery; President – Jesse Dvorachek; Vice President – Ethan Ulness; Treasurer – Nick Fitzgerald and Secretary – Zak Kenneke.

Manitowoc County SWCD Letters-of-Support (LOS) – Director shared sample letters of support reviewed by Corp Counsel. Past procedures for official letters of support were not reviewed and approved by the LCC. Director asked LCC to have discussion on procedure and policy they would like to have in place for this process. Due to some members not being present a **Motion** was made by Lee Engelbrecht and was seconded by Biff Hansen to table discussion on LOS until the next LCC meeting to allow for more input from the missing members. Motion carried unanimously.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: SWCD director submitted a detailed document listing (8) contracts for various bmp's for review and approval with signature from LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner. Biff Hansen asked about clarification on funding amounts shown for contract #23-931. Contract was for a large grass waterway project. **Motion** by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Biff Hansen to approve all (8) contract funds, sign (2) contracts and allow for the other (6) to be signed by Chair after final landowner signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: January 18, ~~2023~~ **2024**, 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Biff Hansen at 4:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp