

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2024
County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Vice Chairman, Lee Engelbrecht called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Lee Engelbrecht, Tim Jadowski, Scott Schiesl, Ted Hoffman and Michael Slattery were present. Ryan Phipps and Larry Bonde were excused.

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD).

Agenda: Motion to approve the July 18, 2024 agenda was made by Tim Jadowski and was seconded by Scott Schiesl. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Minutes from May 16, 2024 LCC meeting was reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Tim Jadowski was seconded by Scott Schiesl. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

2024 Soil & Water Conservation Department Activities:

- A. **NOD Grant & Resolution Update:** SWCD Director updated the LCC on the status of the NOD Grant from WDNR. The \$492,000 grant has been accepted to be used for non-point runoff controls for a waste storage and runoff system project. All expenditures for the project will be reimbursed to the County with no levy impact.
- B. **LWRMP Local Advisory Committee meeting:** The first Local Advisory Committee meeting to start developing the next ten-year land and water resource management plan for Manitowoc County was held June 6, 2024. Minutes from the meeting were reviewed by the LCC. The community survey was finalized during that meeting and the current results from the initial 140 participants was shared. Next LAC meeting will occur in September.
- C. **LMALWCA – June 7, 2024 meeting, training & elections update:** LCC Chairman Phipps and the SWCD Director attended the training meeting. Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association conducted an overview of Land & Water staff, duties/goals and annual report. The LCC Handbook was distributed to all counties and a training session outlining basic LCC & LCD roles was presented. Activities sharing experiences and collaboration was the main theme, with a panel of county representatives sharing examples of real-life projects that LCD staff accomplished working with their county supervisors.
- D. **Towns Association Meeting:** SWCD Director was asked to present the departments annual update to the Towns Association and this was done on June 20, 2024 in Kellnersville.
- E. **Education & Outreach:** Details and a report on recent activities the department was involved with was presented to the committee including; Breakfast-on-the-Farm, (2) Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative field days, soil moisture & temperature monitoring project, Saxon Farm grazing workshop and recent NBC 26 News coverage of local flooding effects in Manitowoc County.
- F. **Summer Tour:** All members of the LCC were invited to attend the LMALWCA Summer Tour and a flyer and information on the event was shared. All County Board members will also be invited.

National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Project Proposal: Department director discussed the opportunity to apply for a water quality grant through the federal government that uses designated GLRI funds to help with watershed and groundwater protection activities. There are (3) pilot projects in the state available for a planning grant up to 50k. Following application approval, the funds can be used for activities to assess and develop a plan to address high nitrates found in community wells. When a plan is developed for a wellhead protection area, federal cost-share implementation funding can be applied for that is specifically earmarked just for that wellhead area. The department activities and costs will be

reimbursed by the grant and not affect the department budget or county levy. **Motion** to approve applying for the NWQI Grant was made by Scott Schiesl and was seconded by Tim Jadowski. Motion carried unanimously.

FSA/NRCS CREP/CRP Contracts: (1) CRP contract for 1.83 acres was signed by the department director in accordance with our FSA/NRCS agreement.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: (4) SWCD contracts totaling \$15,772.50 for (2) wetland habitat projects and (2) cover crop contracts were submitted to the LCC for review and approval. Michael Slattery inquired about and was given the cost-share rate for the cover crops being contracted. **Motion** to approve the contracts was made by Scott Schiesl and was seconded by Michael Slattery. Motion carried unanimously.

Livestock Facility Licensing & Animal Waste Ordinances Update: A list of recent permits that have been approved and details on applications that are currently in-progress was discussed. Scott Schiesl asked for clarification on the various permits.

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: September 19, 2024, 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Tim Jadowski at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp