

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2024
Manitowoc County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chairman, Ryan Phipps called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

Roll Call: Ryan Phipps, Lee Engelbrecht, Tim Jadowski and Scott Schiesl were present. Larry Bonde was excused and Michael Slattery and Ted Hoffman were not present.

Also, in attendance: Eric Oppermann (SWCD), Tyler Martell (MC Board Chairman) and Beth Kohlman (Bullhead Lake District Member).

Agenda: Motion to approve the October 17, 2024 agenda made by Tim Jadowski was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes: Minutes from the September 19, 2024 LCC meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Tim Jadowski was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment: None.

Bullhead Lake District Requests:

- A. **Letter of Support (LOS) request from Bullhead Lake District for a Water Quality Monitoring Project** – Beth Kohlman presented to the LCC the water quality monitoring project and grant they are pursuing to treat and improve the water quality in Bullhead Lake. The grant requires funding match and Letters of Support (LOS) to show community approval for the project. Manitowoc County's existing 10-Year Land & Water Resource Management Plan has goals documented in the plan to support and improve water quality projects for inland lakes. **Motion** by Scott Schiesl to approve the LOS request from the Bullhead Lake District was seconded by Tim Jadowski. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. **Bullhead Lake District request for a county representative to be a Lake District Commissioner** – The Bullhead Lake District has in its by-laws that a county representative be requested to serve as a Lake District Commissioner. This was discussed by the LCC. Tim Jadowski may consider being a lake commissioner if another alternate can also be confirmed to share in the role. Three members of the LCC were not present and the LCC decided more discussion with the other members is required prior to a decision. This is not a requirement and will be addressed at a future meeting.
- C. **Bullhead Lake District request for \$111 in funding for grant match funds** – Beth Kohlman requested the LCC consider allowing \$111 in funds from the SWCD budget that are dedicated for conservation and water quality efforts be used to support the Bullhead Lake Water Quality Monitoring Grant. **Motion** to approve the \$111 matching funds expense was made by Scott Schiesl and seconded by Tim Jadowski. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2025 County & SWCD Budget: Ryan Phipps asked the committee members if there are any questions on the proposed County and SWCD budgets. There were no questions. Chairman Phipps asked Eric Oppermann of his knowledge on the SWCD budget and if the staff had any special budget requests. Eric explained with his knowledge there were no internal issues and the budget is similar to last year, with no other requests needed at this time. Eric shared the overview of the department's current grants and cost-share funds from DATCP, MDV and Surface Water Grant. If funding shortfalls are realized the department staff look into applying for grants to help landowners address conservation activities.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: (2) SWCD contracts totaling \$35,346.51 for cover crops and a waste storage structure were submitted to the LCC for review and approval. Eric Oppermann explained the breakdown of the cost-share funds for the waste storage contract. **Motion** to approve the contracts made by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: November 21, 2024, 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Tim Jadowski at 4:40 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: Eric Oppermann