



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, January 18, 2024
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 & Action
3. Review Minutes: December 21, 2023 – Discussion & Action
4. Public Comment(s) – Discussion & Action
5. Budget Review – December 2023
6. Manitowoc County SWCD Letters-of-Support (LOS) policy & procedure – Discussion & Action
7. Rights of Nature Presentation – Michael Slattery
8. 2024 SWCD Department Projects – Discussion & Action
 - A. Land & Water Resource Management Plan – 10 Year Plan Development/Kickoff
 - B. Manitowoc County LMALWCA Summer Tour
 - C. Farmland Preservation Plan
 - D. SWCD AWO Permit(s)
9. Producer Led Group – Update & PLG Grant Resolution – Discussion & Action
10. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
11. Next Meeting Date and Time
12. Adjournment

Date: January 11, 2024

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2024
County Office Complex, Rm 300

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

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

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD) and Rhonda Green, Emergency Services Director of Manitowoc County.

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 Lee Engelbrecht to approve the December 21, 2023 LCC minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Manitowoc County SWCD Letters-of-Support (LOS) – Director explained background of past procedures and the need for policy directive. Official county letters of support need to be approved by County Board and/or LCC and not be opinions of staff. Personal and professional letters of support are to be separate and different than official county letters. Sample letters of support reviewed by Corp Counsel were shared with the LCC. Past procedures for some official letters of support on conservation activities were not reviewed and approved by the LCC. Director asked LCC to have a discussion on procedure regarding, “Conservation and Natural Resources Activities” and policy they would like to have in place for this process. This agenda item was tabled last meeting to allow for more supervisors to be engaged. Michael Slattery requested adding language to LOS addressing soil health, nutrient management and farmland preservation compliance. The LCC discussed varying options and agreed on need for policy. **Motion** by Michael Slattery that; “All requests for official county letters of support must be submitted 60 days in advance of deadlines and party requesting Letter-of-Support (LOS) shall present their request in person at a scheduled Land Conservation Committee meeting for consideration,” was seconded by Biff Hansen. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation, The Rights of Nature: Michael Slattery supplied (2) documents, an outline of the topic and one for a reference document to be read and reviewed for background information. The LCC members thanked Mr. Slattery for sharing the topic. The main theme is that many laws and regulations are written to show adequate procedure and protections for entities, individuals and governments, but there is a need for securing that natural processes be protected to maintain proper function and beneficial purpose. The intrinsic notion is that nature has rights, and that atmospheric, geologic and water cycles along with the earth’s ecosystems are all interconnected with life and need to be protected to allow for all life to flourish. Mr. Slattery wanted to share the concepts and a few legal cases and locations where this is being carried out to preserve or restore environmental degradation. Supervisor Jadowski was glad to see the topic on the agenda and shared past experiences on this topic. Rhonda Green shared comments on past agency experiences relating to this topic and how this is tied to many cultures. Supervisor Wagner asked if a motion for a directive is needed to promote this topic. SWCD Director shared this topic can be applied in varying ways in conservation and is a main

reason for many of the department's goals in environmental protection and improvement. The upcoming 10-Year Land & Water Resource Management Plan is a good platform to incorporate projects and beneficial goals into a plan that paves a way to benefit all things in Manitowoc County.

2024 SWCD Department Projects:

- A. Land & Water Resource Management Plan (LWRMP): Director shared background on the needs and process for the plan development and approval. Many governmental aids and grant processes require counties to update a plan every 10 years and have an approved LWRMP on file with the state to be eligible for financial benefits and in meeting state mandates and regulations. Michael Slattery and Catherine Wagner both shared interest in being part of the advisory committee. After discussion, a **Motion** was made by Biff Hanson that was seconded by Tim Jadowski to; "start the process and kickoff for the LWRMP activities and have the advisory committee selected and shared at the scheduled March LCC meeting." Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Manitowoc County SWCD will host the Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association Summer Tour in 2024. Activities and tour details TBD.
- C. Manitowoc County is currently updating its Farmland Preservation Plan. This process is being directed by the County Planning & Zoning Department with consultation with Bay Lakes Regional Planning Commission.
- D. SWCD AWO Permits: The SWCD would like to improve permit application forms and have Chapter 26 revised to reflect the fee schedule changes. Fee's are not being increased, just requesting fees be applicable in gallons versus animal units. Draft version was shared with the LCC. **Motion** by Biff Hansen was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht to; "approve AWO Permit application form updates as amended and support changes for County Board consideration." Motion carried unanimously.

Producer Led Group – Update & PLG Grant Resolution: Manitowoc County has a newly formed producer led agricultural advocacy group called the, Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative. The group will meet on January 19, 2024 to discuss the comments from the LCC on this resolution. This science and conservation minded group is seeking a resolution to allow for the SWCD to apply for and administer grant funds to help manage start-up funds and basic operations for (2) years until all functions can be managed by the group after legal formation. **Motion** by Biff Hansen was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht to; "approve draft Resolution Authorizing Producer Led Group Watershed Protection Grants, as written and approved by Corp Counsel to be shared with County Board for consideration." Motion carried unanimously.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: None.

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

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Michael Slattery at 6:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2024
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4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220

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4. Review Minutes & Amend: December 21, 2023 – Discussion & Action
5. Public Comment(s) – Discussion & Action
6. Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program/APHIS – Claims, Discussion & Action
7. Budget Review – February 2024
8. 2024 SWCD Department – Discussion & Action
 - A. Land & Water Resource Management Plan – Advisory Council Members Update
 - B. Community Well Water Testing Update
 - C. Manitowoc County Lakes Data Update
 - D. Animal Waste Ordinance – Update & Discussion
 - E. Livestock Facility Licensing – Update & Discussion
 - F. Land & Water Conference
9. County Board Resolution (2024-SW-4A2 Res Authorizing Manure Grant) – Discussion & Action
10. County Board Resolution (2024-SW-7A2 Res Authorizing North Central Region Sustainable Research and Education Grant) – Discussion & Action
11. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
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Date: March 13, 2024

Catherine Wagner, Chair
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2024
County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chair, Catherine Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

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

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD), Dave Terrall (APHIS) and Bob Ziegelbauer (County Executive).

Agenda: Motion to approve the March 21, 2024 agenda was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Michael Slattery. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Motion was made by Ted Hoffman and seconded by Ryan Phipps to approve the January 18, 2024 LCC minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Review Minutes December 21, 2023 & Amend: Next meeting date was documented incorrectly in the minutes as January 18, 2023, to be corrected to January 18, 2024. **Motion** was made by Ryan Phipps and seconded by Lee Engelbrecht to approve and amend the December 21, 2023 LCC minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program: Dave Terrall, (APHIS) Assistant District Supervisor was present to update committee on current Manitowoc County wildlife damage program claims, contracts and names of participants. Michael Slattery asked about sandhill cranes and crop damages. Dave Terrall explained only wildlife species that have hunting seasons and are not protected are eligible for claims. Lee Engelbrecht asked for clarification and detail on the 5 claims totaling \$20,369.04. All funds are reimbursed by the WDNR through hunting license funds. **Motion** made by Ryan Phipps was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht to approve the contracts for the claims as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Review: March 21, 2024 SWCD printed budget report. Soil & Water Director explained various line items, percent of budget spent and recent purchases and costs incurred. No Comments.

2024 SWCD Department Projects Update:

- A. **Land & Water Resource Management Plan (LWRMP):** SWCD Director shared backgrounds, names and expertise of those who have agreed to participate on the advisory committee. About (24) community and agency members were asked to participate. The department director wanted at least a dozen members, (16) are confirmed and (1) more is pending. Lee Engelbrecht and other LCC members agreed they are satisfied with the list of members. First meeting is tentative for early May.
- B. **Community Well Water Testing Update:** Manitowoc County SWCD observed groundwater week and conducted a free well water testing drive March 11th-15th and, also visited Mishicot and Reedsville communities with our mobile nitrate testing equipment. The SWCD has been monitoring nitrates in wells for over 20 years and conducted another 104 tests so far this year. Data is showing about 9% of the wells tested this year are above the 10mg/l action limit. Owners of wells exceeding or trending above the action limit were given information on remedies to lower nitrate levels with certain filters, treatment and options for further testing. The SWCD will target our efforts in these locations to conduct further inspections and work with landowners to embrace conservation efforts in these areas.

- C. **Manitowoc County Lakes Data Update:** Manitowoc County SWCD along with Manitowoc County Lakes Association, UW-Green Bay-Manitowoc Campus, WDNR and water action volunteers have been testing various Manitowoc County lakes for water quality parameters and phosphorus levels since 2012. Data is showing lake phosphorus levels have been on the decline (getting better) the past 5 years. Improvement to water quality is still needed and is a major goal of the department and landowners in the county. Lake data from 2012-2023 was shared with the LCC.
- D. **Animal Waste Ordinance Update:** The SWCD has processed/approved (2) animal waste storage abandonment permits and (2) new animal waste storage permits. Several new waste storage permit applications and reviews are in progress.
- E. **Livestock Facility Licensing Update:** SWCD Director updated LCC on current modifications and projects being reviewed under this ordinance. (2) Livestock Facility License modifications were reviewed and approved, (2) new modification applications are in progress.
- F. **Land & Water Conference:** SWCD Director updated LCC on department staff attendance at the annual Land & Water Conference. Staff use the annual professional improvement conference to network, share information and technology. This allows staff to see conservation strategies being implemented statewide and bring home new ideas and practices to be used in Manitowoc County. The LCC was thanked on approving budgets and funds for staff to attend. Michael Slattery attended and shared with committee members his appreciation of UW staff projects, data and research shared in the breakout sessions. Information on carbon markets and neonicotinoids was discussed. Neonicotinoids are pesticides primarily used on agricultural seed coatings to prevent insect damage to seeds before and after germination in the soil. These chemicals have been showing up and bioaccumulating in soils and being detected in surface and groundwater. These have detrimental effects on beneficial insects, such as pollinator species. Human and animal effects are being studied.

County Board Resolution (2024-SW-4A2 Res Authorizing Manure Grant): A grant from the North American Manure Expo Board was awarded to Manitowoc County for \$2500 to develop and pilot a county wide GIS/GPS live hazards map for animal waste spreading improvements. When finalized it will be available on-line on the SWCD website for use on any IOS device. **Motion** to approve was made by Lee Engelbrecht and was seconded by Ted Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

County Board Resolution (2024-SW-7A2 Res Authorizing North Central Region Sustainable Research and Education Grant): The SWCD Department has applied for and is eligible to accept a \$6000 2024 North Central Youth Educator Grant from federal funds for Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Projects. These funds will be used to develop a mobile learning lab to bring to schools and community functions. **Motion** to approve was made by Ryan Phipps and was seconded by Michael Slattery. Motion carried unanimously.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: (3) contracts totaling \$4320 for nutrient management plans were submitted to the LCC for review and approval. **Motion** to approve was made by Ryan Phipps and was seconded by Ted Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: May 16, 2024, 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Michael Slattery at 5:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
AMENDED MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, April 18, 2024
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 & Action
3. Review Minutes: March 21, 2024 – Discussion & Action
4. New LCC members, procedure and election – Discussion & Action
5. Public Comment(s) – Discussion & Action
6. 2024 SWCD Department – Discussion & Action
 - A. Farmer-to-Farmer Producer Led Group Meetings
 - B. Garden Club Presentation
 - C. Pollinator Kits
 - D. Farmland Preservation Plan Meeting Update
7. County Board Resolution (2024-SW-4A2 Res Authorizing Manure Grant) – County Board April 16, 2024 status update.
8. County Board Resolution (2024-SW-7A2 Res Authorizing North Central Region Sustainable Research and Education Grant) – County Board April 16, 2024 status update.
- 9. LCC approval to apply for NOD Grant/Draft Resolution – Discussion & Action*
10. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
11. Next Meeting Date and Time: May 16, 2024 4:45 p.m.
12. Adjournment

Date: April 9, 2024

Amended: April 16, 2024

Ryan Phipps, Vice Chair
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2024
County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chairman, Ryan Phipps called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD), Jayna Hintz and Angie Ulness (UW-Extension).

Agenda: Motion to approve the April 18, 2024 agenda was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Larry Bonde. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Minutes will be provided and approved at the next scheduled LCC meeting.

New LCC Members, procedure & elections: LCC Chairman Phipps welcomed supervisors and committee members to the LCC after election changes and appointments were made from the County Board Chairman and Board. New members Larry Bonde & Scott Schiesl were welcomed and each LCC member introduced themselves and shared a bit of background information about themselves. Per County Code, Chairman Phipps requested members to consider nominations to elect a Vice Chair & 2nd Vice Chair. **Motion** by Supervisor Bonde to nominate Supervisor Engelbrecht as Vice Chair, was seconded by Supervisor Schiesl. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Ted Hoffman to nominate Supervisor Bonde as 2nd Vice Chair, was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

2024 Soil & Water Conservation Department (SWCD) Projects Update:

- A. **Farmer to Farmer Meetings:** SWCD Director shared results of the (4) recent community-based meetings that were organized by the SWCD (Tara Wachowski, Cheyenne Behnke & JeriLynn Zutz), UW-Extension (Angie Ulness) and Producer Led Group (PLG) called, the Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative (SRSC). These meetings were set up to introduce the new group, its members, goals and initiatives. The SRSC attended the Manitowoc County Forage Council Meeting and also had open meetings and discussions at the Memee Town Hall, Franklin Town Hall and a local restaurant. The group had gotten positive responses and interested parties willing to become new members. SWCD Director explained the basic goals of the farmer led group.
- B. **Garden Club Presentation:** By request from a local community-based group, Manitowoc County SWCD Grants & Education Coordinator, Tara Wachowski, put together a PowerPoint presentation outlining and discussing the main goals, work projects and responsibilities of the department. Questions were asked and discussed on issues ranging from lakes, rivers, groundwater, soils and invasive species. The group thanked the staff for their willingness to come and present.
- C. **Pollinator Kits:** The SWCD promotes conservation and wildlife habitat projects. Currently pollinator seed kits are available at the SWCD Office for \$15.75. The kit contains enough carrier, nurse crop and prairie seed to grow a 1000 sq.ft. pollinator friendly prairie to promote healthy backyards and landscapes.
- D. **Farmland Preservation Plan Update:** The SWCD and Planning & Zoning Department staff met with Bay Lakes Regional Planning Commission on April 9, 2024 to review and discuss progress on the 10-Year update of the Manitowoc County Farmland Preservation Plan. Discussions revolved around updating maps, land-use & agricultural changes in the county and proofing statistics and data for accuracy. Next meeting will take place in June, date and time TBD.

County Board Resolution (2024-SW-4A2 Res Authorizing Manure Grant): A grant from the North American Manure Expo Board was awarded to Manitowoc County for \$2500 to develop and pilot a county wide GIS/GPS live hazards map for animal waste spreading improvements. Resolution was passed by County Board on April 16, 2024.

County Board Resolution (2024-SW-7A2 Res Authorizing North Central Region Sustainable Research and Education Grant): The SWCD Department has applied for and is eligible to accept a \$6000 2024 North Central Youth Educator Grant from federal funds for Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Projects. Resolution was passed by County Board on April 16, 2024.

LCC approval to apply for WDNR NOD Grant & Draft Resolution: SWCD Director explained that for several years the WDNR and Manitowoc County SWCD have been cooperating together on a project to address runoff pollution concerns. In order to install best management practices to correct the runoff concerns the WDNR has grants available to allocate funds to help with these situations. The director presented a draft resolution to the LCC to consider and approve efforts to obtain grant funding for this project. All costs spent by the county will be reimbursed back to Manitowoc County by the WDNR. Motion to approve was made by Larry Bonde and was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. Chairman Phipps requested the addition of adding language in the motion to approve based on review and approval by Corp Counsel. **Motion** by Supervisor Bonde to pursue the NOD Grant through final resolution as reviewed and approved by Corp Counsel, was seconded by Supervisor Engelbrecht. Motion carried unanimously

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: (11) contracts totaling \$43,908 for nutrient management plans and grass waterway projects were submitted to the LCC for review and approval. Supervisor Engelbrecht asked questions on details of a nutrient management plans cost. Clarification was provided. **Motion** to approve was made by Larry Bonde and was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: May 16, 2024, 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Scott Schiesl at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda – Discussion & Action
3. Review Minutes: March 21, 2024 & April 18, 2024 – Discussion & Action
4. Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program/APHIS (Brian Maedke) – Discussion & Action
5. Public Comment(s) – Discussion & Action
6. Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association (LMALWCA) – LMALWCA duties and appointment of representatives.
7. SWCD Budget Review - Discussion
8. SWCD Department Activities – Discussion & Action
 - A. 2023 Annual Update Report
 - B. LWRMP Local Advisory Committee Meeting June 6, 2024
 - C. Mobile spreading Map June 1, 2024
 - D. Breakfast-on-the-Farm June 9, 2024 (Libertyland Farms, Inc.)
 - E. Education & Outreach
9. County Board Resolution (2024-SW-8A2 Res Authorizing Runoff Management Grant) – County Board May 21, 2024.
10. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
11. Next Meeting Date and Time: Discussion & Action
12. Adjournment

Date: May 7, 2024

Ryan Phipps - Chair
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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May 16, 2024
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LCC Chairman, Ryan Phipps called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

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

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD), Brian Maedke (USDA-APHIS).

Agenda: Motion to approve the May 16, 2024 agenda was made by Lee Engelbrecht and was seconded by Tim Jadowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Minutes from March 21, 2024 & April 18, 2024 were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Scott Schiesl. Motion carried unanimously.

Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program/USDA-APHIS (Brian Maedke): Mr. Brian Maedke introduced himself to the new committee members, provided a handout and shared a brief overview of his background and the wildlife damage program in Manitowoc County. Discussion among the supervisors covered several wildlife species and future concerns on the status of certain wildlife populations and the effects of less hunters and licenses being sold in Wisconsin. The consensus was that the demographics of society are changing, available land for hunting is a challenge and our young people are finding other ways to occupy their time with sports, cell phones and in-door activities, not hunting and fishing. These changes will lead to increases in certain populations of wildlife, which will need more control efforts and mitigation efforts to abate issues with crop damage and nuisance problems. Mr. Maedke explained methods of goose, cormorant, pigeon and starling control. Tim Jadowski asked about the status of sandhill cranes emerging as a nuisance animal in parks. The topic of information on local salmon stocking efforts in Manitowoc County was asked, no information was available.

Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association (LMALWCA): Background was shared to new LCC members about the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) and its (8) county represented standing committee abbreviated LMALWCA. Manitowoc County has (2) designated voting representatives to hold positions on the Board of Directors (BOD). Every two years these positions change with the alignment of county supervisor elections. (1) SWCD staff and (1) Land Conservation Committee member is to be appointed by the LCC. Positions were discussed and a **Motion** was made by Lee Engelbrecht to nominate David Wetenkamp as staff representative and Supervisor Ryan Phipps as LCC representative to the LMALWCA BOD. Motion was seconded by Tim Jadowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

2024 Soil & Water Conservation Department Activities:

- A. **2023 Annual Update:** SWCD Director shared a slide presentation developed by Tara Wachowski (Grants & Education Coordinator) that showcased the accomplishments of the departments staff in 2023. The accomplishments mirror the goals, objectives and conservation issues of the county according to the land and water resource management plan. Supervisors thanked the staff for their efforts and shared encouragement to keep up the good work.
- B. **2026-2035 Land & Water Resource Management Plan:** First Local Advisory Committee meeting will be June 6, 2024.
- C. **Manure Expo Mini Grant:** The first version of the Manitowoc County GIS Mobile Spreading Map is scheduled to be operational for testing June 1, 2024.

- D. **Breakfast-on-the-Farm:** Will be held on June 9, 2024 – Libertyland Farms, Inc. 11431 Newton Rd. Valders, WI. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child and children under 4 are free. Tours and activities are planned.
- E. **Education & Outreach:** Past efforts were shared in the annual update presentation and the SWCD will have educational activities and a booth set up for breakfast on the farm.

2024-SW-8A2 Res Authorizing Runoff Management Grant: SWCD Director shared with the LCC the final resolution version edited by Corp Counsel. Details on the NOD grant was discussed with supervisors along with the draft NOD/NOI grant application to be reviewed by the WDNR. Chairman Phipps asked questions on the cost-estimate, reimbursement process and if the county could be liable for expenditures if the state funds are not released. Director shared that these funds are from the WDNR Notice of Discharge pool that is managed just for site specific runoff problems. The county will sign a contract with the landowner and the state before the county agrees to release any payments. All funds spent are to be reimbursed back to the county in full per resolution. Director asked the LCC Supervisors and Chairman Phipps to please present the resolution to the County Board for consideration.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: (2) SWCD contracts totaling \$3000 for wetland habitat projects were submitted to the LCC for review and approval. SWCD director shared with the LCC that (4) contracts were signed by the director for CRP contracts according to our FSA/NRCS agreements. **Motion** to approve the contracts was made by Larry Bonde and was seconded by Ryan Phipps. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: July 18, 2024, 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Tim Jadowski was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



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6. SWCD Department Activities – Discussion
 - A. NOD Grant & Resolution 2024-SW-8A2 update
 - B. LWRMP Local Advisory Committee Meeting June 6, 2024 update
 - C. LMALWCA – June 7, 2024 meeting, training & elections update
 - D. Towns Association Meeting June 20, 2024
 - E. Education & Outreach (Breakfast on the Farm, BTL/SRSC June 27, 2024 Field Day, July 17, 2024 BTL/SRSC Rain 360 Field Day
 - F. Summer Tour – Aug 2, 2024 invite, flyer and agenda
7. National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) & Source Water Protection Area (SWPA) Project Proposal – Discussion & Action
8. FSA/NRCS Contracts – Discussion
9. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
10. Livestock Facility Licensing & Animal Waste Ordinance - Discussion
11. Next Meeting Date and Time: Discussion & Action
12. Adjournment

Date: July 10, 2024

Ryan Phipps - Chair
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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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



**MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: Thursday, August 15, 2024
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 & Action
3. Review Minutes: July 18, 2024 – Discussion & Action
4. Public Comment(s) – Discussion & Action
5. SWCD 2025 Budget - Discussion
6. SWCD Department Activities – Discussion
 - A. LMALWCA Summer Tour
7. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
8. Next Meeting Date and Time: Discussion & Action
9. Adjournment

Date: August 7, 2024

Supervisor Ryan Phipps – LCC Chairman
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2024
County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chairman, Ryan Phipps called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

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

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD).

Agenda: Motion to approve the August 15, 2024 agenda made by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes: Minutes from July 18, 2024 LCC meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SWCD 2025 Budget: SWCD Director shared a copy of the SWCD Department budget planning spreadsheet and discussed details on the various department budget accounts and grants. Discussion revolved on working to keep the 2025 budget conservative and not increase county levy except as required to meet cost of living adjustments for staffing as approved by County Board. Expenditures and outlay will be kept to meet minimum operating costs. Michael Slattery asked for clarification on the DATCP staffing grant revenue account and the expense account associated with contracted services/data processing-internal costs. Comment was made on the approximate 30% increase in this expense in the department. Director explained this cost is a chargeback to the department for internal costs as determined by the administration. Director will share the 2025 budget process with LCC as developed at next meeting prior to budget adoption.

Public Comment: None.

2024 Soil & Water Conservation Department Activities:

- A. **LMALWCA Summer Tour:** All members of the LCC and County Board were invited to attend the LMALWCA Summer. Over 30 participants enjoyed the tour provided by John Durbrow at the Van Der Brohe Arboretum, by Sue Crowley at Woodland Dunes and at the Carstens Lake Phos-Flow Wetland site and English Lake sediment basin/tile project. Supervisor Scott Schiesl and Michael Slattery also attended. Supervisor Schiesl shared he was impressed with all the work, thought and interconnectedness of the species used in the habitat projects. Attendees learned about the obvious negatives and some positives with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) killing ash trees, like opening the canopy, opportunities for new plantings and benefits to the flora and fauna like early successional growth. Some birds benefit from more standing dead trees providing insects and nesting cavities, while amphibians like salamanders benefit from more dead trees falling providing cover on the ground for their life cycle. Michael Slattery shared attendees were interested in learning about the Phos-Flow project as explained by Stantec's Sarah Majerus and LNRP's Amy Lentz and also about the collaborative work done by Jerry Halverson to improve English Lake's water quality by installing a tile and sediment basin project in 2022.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: (12) SWCD contracts totaling \$22,916.25 for cover crop contracts were submitted to the LCC for review and approval. Michael Slattery inquired if the cover crop contracts were for one year and this was confirmed, yes. Due to cover crop contracts and planting dates being time sensitive and not aligning well with the next LCC meeting dates, Supervisor Scott Schiesl made a **Motion**, "to approve the contracts and allow the LCC Chair to sign the remaining contracts at a later date when all signatures can be obtained." Motion was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Larry Bonde at 4:52 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, September 19, 2024
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 & Action
3. Review Minutes: August 18, 2024 - Discussion & Action
4. Public Comment(s) - Discussion & Action
5. Wildlife Damage Abatement & Control Program (WDACP) - Discussion & Action
 - A. Proposed 2025 WDACP Program Budget - Action
 - B. Review & approval of amended 2023 fence contract - Action
 - C. Proposed WDACP 2024 Crop Prices - Action
 - D. Update of current WDACP enrollees - Discussion
6. SWCD Current Budget Review - Discussion
7. 2025 SWCD Budget Proposal - Discussion
8. SWCD Department Activities - Discussion
 - A. County Fair Activities
 - B. Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative Forum
 - C. Community Survey
 - D. Land & Water Conservation Board Elections & Materials
 - E. Education & Outreach - Paddle Palooza Booth 9/14
9. DATCP Producer Led Group Grant & MOU - Discussion & Action
10. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Producer Led Group Grant - Discussion & Action
11. FSA/NRCS Contracts - Discussion
12. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements - Discussion & Action
13. Livestock Facility Licensing & Animal Waste Ordinance - Discussion
14. Next Meeting Date and Time: Discussion & Action
15. Adjournment

Date: September 10, 2024

Supervisor Ryan Phipps - LCC Chairman
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2024
County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chairman, Ryan Phipps called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

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

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD) and Brian Maedke (APHIS/USDA)

Agenda: Motion to approve the September 19, 2024 agenda made by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes: Minutes from the August 15, 2024 LCC meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Larry Bonde was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment: None.

Wildlife Damage Abatement & Control Program (WDACP):

- A. **2025 WDACP Proposed Budget:** Brian Maedke presented the worksheet breakdown for details on the proposed 2025 budget. Mr. Maedke and the SWCD Director shared the background history on the administrative and cooperative agreement for the program and how all funds charged and paid to APHIS for work and claims in Manitowoc County are reimbursed to the county annually from WDNR with no levy impact. The proposed WDACP 2025 budget is an increase of 12.6% from 2024. **Motion** to approve the WDACP 2025 budget by Larry Bonde was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. **Review & approval of amended 2023 fence contract:** Information on this contract was not available for review. **Motion** to table fence contract agenda item until next meeting made by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Ted Hoffman. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. **Proposed WDACP 2024 Crop Prices:** Brian Maedke shared a handout showing the proposed 2024 crop prices for claims and the breakdown of prices approved for damage claims used in the program since 2020. Michael Slattery asked for clarification on how prices were determined and stated they looked low compared to local area prices. Mr. Maedke stated his office staff call co-ops and use average commodity crop prices as determined using statewide cooperative data. Lee Engelbrecht shared he has checked the local farm reports and the 2024 prices suggested in the WDACP proposal were similar. **Motion** to approve prices as presented was made by Ted Hoffman and seconded by Larry Bonde. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- D. **Update of current WDACP enrollees:** Mr. Maedke presented a list of all current Manitowoc County participants in the Wildlife Damage Program including: Information on landowner, location, animal damage type, shooting permits and hunter access. This information is all available on the WDNR's website for public viewing.

SWCD Current Budget: Soil & Water Director presented documents showing the current 2024 budget and financial status. Time was taken to explain each account and how they will be discussed in the proposed 2025 budget worksheets.

2025 SWCD Budget Proposal: SWCD Director shared a copy of the 2025 SWCD Department budget planning spreadsheet and discussed details on the various department budget accounts and grants. The worksheets listed all of the internal and external revenue sources, associated expenses and use of the funds. This year the proposed budget expenses have increased 8.3% from last year and are attributed to internal contracted services, insurance and increases in employee compensation. Chairman Phipps asked for clarification on insurance and internal cost breakdowns. Details in the worksheets were discussed and will be up for discussion and approval by the County Board. Supervisors appreciated the budget being presented.

2024 Soil & Water Conservation Department Activities:

- A. **County Fair Activities:** Thanks to all the participants who visited the SWCD booth for well water testing and children's activities. Over 140 water samples were tested and results shared. Special thanks to our local Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education volunteers for all their help making the well testing process go smoothly. The SWCD was awarded first place for best booth design and display.
- B. **Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative (SRSC):** A copy of the SRSC Forum newsletter was shared documenting the groups activities, members and articles. Michael Slattery discussed the main objectives of the group and fielded questions on the SRSC. Chairman Phipps asked Mr. Slattery to share the positives and any negatives realized by the group's activities so far. Positives were 17 new members, increased pledged acres and the general trend of many young farmers joining and wanting to be part of the mentorship and environmental advocacy. Negatives are there is still work to be done and more participation needed to be able to make a greater impact on improving soil and water quality in the county. Mr. Slattery also shared his attendance and presentation he gave at a local Trout Unlimited meeting in Sheboygan County that represents the lakeshore trout group.
- C. **Community Survey:** SWCD Director shared that the community survey has been well received and will be ending shortly. Results will be used by the Local Advisory Committee to address county residents' environmental concerns during development of the County Land & Water Resource Management Plan. At this time 209 participants have responded.
- D. **Land & Water Conservation Board Elections (LWCB):** Documents distributed described the policy and process involved with the (1) vote each county gets to nominate and elect one candidate to the State's LWCB. This is done working through our Area Association, the Lake Michigan Area Land & Water Conservation Association (LWALWCA). Director will share links to nominee's presentations when available in October and ask for input on a county vote by November 29, 2024.
- E. **Education & Outreach:** SWCD staff provided a booth, materials and attendance at the Two Rivers Paddle Palooza outing to promote environmental activities and stewardship.

DATCP 2025 PLG Grant and MOU: Grant documents, budget details and memorandum of understanding (MOU) agreement between the SWCD and SRSC was presented. The MOU was reviewed and approved to form by Corp Counsel. The \$40K grant will be placed in the 2025 budget for County Board consideration. \$30K of the grant is designated for cost-sharing bmp's. **Motion** to support the PLG Grant and MOU as presented was made by Ted Hoffman and seconded by Larry Bonde. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TNC 2025 Conservation Innovation Challenge Grant: The TNC Grant proposal documents were presented for review. This grant is a supporting grant that can be used to supplement the PLG Grant. The \$10K grant will be presented to the County Board as a resolution if awarded. All \$10K of the grant will be designated for cost-sharing bmp's if awarded. **Motion** to support the TNC Grant as presented was made by Larry Bonde and seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

FSA/NRCS Contracts: Under direction and approval of the LCC, the SWCD Director shared the names and details of the (1) CREP & (3) CRP contracts signed in cooperation with the FSA & NRCS.

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: (5) SWCD contracts totaling \$7,722.00 for cover crop contracts were submitted to the LCC for review and approval. **Motion** to approve the contracts made by Michael Slattery was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Livestock Facility Licensing & Animal Waste Ordinance: 2024 has been a busy year with Livestock Facility License (LFL) applications, reviews and Animal Waste Ordinance (AWO) permits. Currently (5) AWO permits have been approved and (5) are in-progress. Currently (6) LFL modifications have been approved and (8) are in-progress.

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: October 17, 2024, 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Michael Slattery at 6:34 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp



MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
AMENDED MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, October 17, 2024
TIME: 4:15 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 & Action
3. Review Minutes: September 19, 2024 – Discussion & Action
4. Bullhead Lake District Requests
 - A. Letter of Support (LOS) request for Bullhead Lake District Water Quality Monitoring Project – Discussion & Action
 - B. Bullhead Lake District request for a county representative to be a Lake District Commissioner – Discussion & Action
 - C. Bullhead Lake District request for \$106 in funding for grant match funds – Discussion & Action
5. Public Comment(s) – Discussion & Action
6. *2025 County & SWCD Budget – Discussion & Action*
7. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
8. Next Meeting Date and Time: Discussion & Action
9. Adjournment

Date: October 9, 2024

Amended: October 15, 2024

Supervisor Ryan Phipps – LCC Chairman

BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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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



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2024
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 & Action
3. Review Minutes: October 17, 2024 – Discussion & Action
4. Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (Brian Maedke – APHIS)
 - A. WDACP 90% harvest cut-off date – Discussion & Action
 - B. 2025 Deer Donation Program – Discussion & Action
 - C. WDACP permanent fence contract – Discussion & Action
5. SWCD Budget – Discussion
6. Public Comment(s) – Discussion & Action
7. Land & Water Board Candidates & Election – Discussion & Action
8. 2026-2035 LWRMP Local Advisory Committee 11-13-24 – Discussion
9. NWQI Grant & Assessment Plan Resolution – Discussion & Action
10. NE TMDL Pilot Project – Discussion & Action
11. SWCD Cost-Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements – Discussion & Action
12. Next Meeting Date and Time: Discussion & Action
13. Adjournment

Date: November 12, 2024

Supervisor Ryan Phipps – LCC Chairman
BY: David Wetenkamp, Department Director

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MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2024

Manitowoc County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chairman, Ryan Phipps called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m.

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

Also, in attendance: David Wetenkamp (SWCD).

Agenda: Motion to approve the November 21, 2024 agenda made by Scott Schiesl was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes: Minutes from the October 17, 2024 LCC meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Larry Bonde. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program: Brian Maedke was not present, David Wetenkamp presented the notes and materials supplied by Brian Maedke to the LCC.

- A. **WDACP 90% harvest cut-off date** – David Wetenkamp presented the notes to the LCC and recommendation by Brian Maedke to consider using December 1, 2024 as the crop harvest cut-off date for use in claims. **Motion** by Larry Bonde to accept and approve December 1, 2024 as the 90% harvest cut-off date was seconded by Michael Slattery. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. **2025 Deer Donation Program** – Currently Manitowoc County does not have any licensed deer processors available to provide this service, but to remain eligible for the program in the future the county must sign an annual agreement to allow any new processors the ability to participate. Larry Bonde shared this is a good program but, there are a lack of vendors willing to provide the service and regardless the county should still make the program available as it is no cost. **Motion** by Larry Bonde to sign agreement to participate in the 2025 Deer Donation Program was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. **WDACP permanent fence contract** – Permanent fence contract with a 75% cost-share rate totaling \$12.712 was discussed. Funds for the fence are provided by the Wildlife Damage Program through the WDNR and are not county levy funds. Location of fence was shared. Michael Slattery asked if the program has any caps or cost containment on these types of practices. Soil & Water Director will follow-up with Brian Maedke and provide the details on costs to the LCC. **Motion** to approve the fencing contract made by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Current SWCD Budget: Soil & Water Director went through the operating budget for the department and discussed the corrections made to the contracted services account and the status of the educational supplies account. Michael Slattery noticed a few accounts were nearly used up, but a few months remain in the budget cycle. Soil & Water Director explained many of these line items in the accounts were set for particular items and purchases that are completed for the year with no additional costs expected above budget. In September 2024 the LCC approved the process to apply for a DATCP Producer Led Group grant and supplemental grant from The Nature Conservancy. The DATCP PLG grant was approved for 32K and the TNC supplement grant of 10K was awarded to the Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative (SRSC) and will be administered through the SWCD and SRSC MOU. Funds were also approved by County Board in the 2025 annual budget process. Chairman Phipps thanked the director for the transparency of sharing budget details.

Public Comment: None.

Land & Water Conservation Board Candidates & Election: Election materials and documents were provided to the LCC members a week prior to the meeting. Director shared the documents again and explained the process. The LCC members elected to watch the LWCB video interviews again in person during the meeting, discuss the candidates and vote. LCC members shared thoughts and consensus was that all candidates had the experience to be good LWCB members. Each LCC member voted for (3) candidates each and the top (3) vote getters were chosen. Top (2) were unanimous and there was a tie for the third spot. The SWCD Director made the tie-breaker vote on the third selection. **Motion** by Scott Schiesl to secure votes for candidates 1, 3 & 5 was seconded by Michael Slattery. **Motion carried unanimously.** Ballot was submitted via a secured website and the SWCD Director conducted the vote on 11-26-24 for candidates 1, 3 & 5.

2026-2035 LWRMP Local Advisory Committee (LAC): Minutes from the 11/16/24 LAC were shared and discussed. There were (22) participants in the meeting. A presentation with data on the Quarterly Well Water Monitoring Group was shared and discussed. The Community Survey results were shared and discussed. Attendees submitted goals and action items they perceived to be important for making the next ten-year land & water resource management plan implementation a success. Agency briefings from WDNR staff regarding forestry, wildlife, fisheries, water resources and non-point coordination were presented. Agency briefings from Manitowoc County Planning & Zoning and Health Department were also conducted. Next LAC meeting will be in January of 2025.

NWQI Grant & Assessment Plan Resolution: The LCC approved the NWQI grant application process in July 2024. The 50K grant was awarded to Manitowoc County from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that will provide funds to use for software, materials and staffing used in development of the assessment plan. Draft of the proposed National Water Quality Initiative Grant resolution was shared as sent to Corp Counsel and Finance Director for final editing. Details on line item break-downs of the grant are still in process and will be shared with the LCC and County Board. **Motion** to approve the draft resolution pending edits approved by Corp Counsel made by Larry Bonde was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NE TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Pilot Project: The WDNR approached the SWCD in 2023 about a potential pilot project developed for the NE Lakeshore TMDL through EPA. If approved the funds will be used to stack best management practices like cover crops, low disturbance manure injection, grass waterways, field borders and filterstrips. The pilot was approved by the EPA and WDNR will provide up to 135K in cost-share funds over the next (3) years in (2) subbasins in Manitowoc County, if accepted. Final documents and resolution for the pilot project will be developed with no levy impact to budget. **Motion** to approve efforts to pursue these funds made by Larry Bonde was seconded by Scott Schiesl. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: (6) SWCD contracts totaling \$436,427.20 for cover crops, grass waterway, harvestable buffers and waste storage and runoff project were submitted to the LCC for review and approval. Michael Slattery asked if USDA EQIP funds were considered for the waste storage project. SWCD Director explained the cost-share funds were part of the NOD Grant process approved by the County Board and the landowners involved did not have a CNMP in place to qualify for the program. **Motion** to approve the contracts made by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Larry Bonde. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Next Meeting Date(s) & Time: January 16, 2025 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Tim Jadowski at 6:05 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetenkamp
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp