

Kewaunee County
Land and Water Conservation Committee
Committee Meeting Minutes
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds
625 Third Street, Luxemburg, Wisconsin 54217

April 3, 2013

Committee Chairman Brian Paplham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Other committee members present for the meeting were, Bob Garfinkel, Ron Paider, Chuck Wagner, and newly appointed from the FSA Committee, Clark Reimer. Also present for the meeting were, Andy Wallander - County Conservationist, Davina Bonness and Paul Fredrich from the department and County Board Chair Bob Weidner.

Paider moved to approve the meeting agenda and the minutes from the last meeting. Garfinkel seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Andy started the meeting by handing out a communication from the American Lung Association concerning effects of spraying manure through central pivot irrigation systems. The committee discussed this issue at length. The consensus of the group was that liquid manure, when physically diluted enough to be able to be effectively applied through low-hanging drop tubes off of a main center pivot irrigation line, as close to the ground or crop as practicable, under low pressure with larger heavier droplets, and following appropriate state rules regulating application (e.g. wind speed/gusts, humidity, time of day), the threat to the public could be minimized to a point where it may even be less of a concern than most of the methods of liquid manure application presently in use throughout the County. No further action by the committee at this time.

The committee then discussed the State Grants situation. DATCP and WDNR have support funding that is paid to the county each year. The amount for 2013 is \$110,269. This compares to a funding level of \$135,530 for 2011. Wagner stated that at the State Land & Water Conservation Board meeting on April 2nd, the board approved the funding level. This amount is currently in the state budget that will not get fully approved until the Governor signs the budget sometime in early summer. Wagner also stated that he will be testifying before the Joint Finance committee in Green Bay on April 8 in support of additional funding for that staffing grant.

Davina discussed the Groundwater Guardians latest private well water testing program. There were fifty-nine wells tested with 22% failing due to either bacteria or over the 10ppm limit for nitrates. Davina will be working with the Town of Lincoln to test 10 wells that have previously tested positive for bacteria or high nitrates. LNRP is co-funding the project with the Town. They will test each well once a month over the next year to get some indication of the fluctuations in each well. She will keep the committee posted as results come in.

Paul updated the committee on a number of projects in the county. He will have a very busy summer dealing with manure systems, barnyard run off projects and manure pit abandonments. He is currently training on the department's new GPS equipment and stated that it will be a great time saver for the departments work.

There were three conservation plans approved by the department this month. They were all Farmland Preservation Program (FFP) plans. They were for Andrew Euclide, Robert Steinhorst and Clark Riemer.

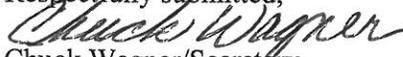
Andy handed out the agenda for the next GLNAC meeting. It will be held on April 18th in Milwaukee. Members attending will be Andy, Chuck, and Ron. Andy will line up the county vehicle for the trip.

The committee set the next meeting date for May 7, 2013 @ 8:00 a.m. at the office in the Fairgrounds.

The committee reviewed the bills. Paider moved to approve the bills. Garfinkel seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Reimer moved to adjourn the meeting. Garfinkel seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted;


Chuck Wagner/Secretary

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**2013 GLNAC WI Chapter Annual Meeting
April 18, 2013
Milwaukee Community Sailing Center
1450 North Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53202**

Members of the committee met at the office in Luxemburg at 6:45 a.m. for the trip to Milwaukee and the Great Lakes Nonpoint Abatement Coalition (GLNAC) Annual Meeting.

Attending the meeting were Chair Brian Paplham, Chuck Wagner, Ron Paider, and Andy Wallander.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Scott Frank, County Conservationist from Shawano County filling in for Chair Cletus Fontaine from Door County.

The following reports were given; Presidents, Treasurers, and Lake Superior For new business the discussion focused on a possible merger of GLNAC with WLWCA. After much discussion a vote was taken to pursue the merger with WLWCA.

The first guest speaker was Brian Hartsook, WI DNR. His subject was a discussion on the benefits of a watershed-based approach to storm water permitting.

During lunch Vicki Elkin reported on the status of the Fund for Lake Michigan Grant program. It is funded by the four million dollar per year settlement with the Oak Creek Power Plant.

After lunch guest speakers were Dr. Sandra McClellan, GLWRI – Storm Water Pollution Impacts on Lake Michigan Beaches and Susan Greenfield from the Root-Pike WIN – Creating a Restoration Plan for the Root River

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. and the committee traveled back to Luxemburg.

Respectfully submitted;



Chuck Wagner/Secretary.