



MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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Land & Water Conservation Committee

October 14th, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

In Person at County Board Room, Montello WI. Meeting was virtual/recorded.

Meeting Minutes

Dennis Fenner, Ken Borzick, John Bennett, Larry Haygood, Pat Kilbey, Ron Barger, Trevor Pike USDA/WS. Fenner called the Meeting to Order

Motion Bennett, 2nd Borzick to approve Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried.**

Motion Bennett, 2nd Haygood to approve August 2025 Minutes. **Motion Carried**

Trevor Pike (Wildlife Services) gave intro and presented 2026 Wildlife Damage Budget with a small increase over 2025. Discussion was had on County reimbursement for damage program assistance.

Motion Bennett, 2nd Haygood to approve 2026 budget as presented. **Motion carried.**

2025 Crop prices estimates were presented and reminded Committee these are 12-month average prices as a recommendation to the Committee. Discussion was held.

Motion Bennett, 2nd Borzick to approve 2025 Crop Prices as presented and to set Dec. 1st as 90% harvest deadline. **Motion Carried.** Prices are on file at LWCD Office.

LWCD Report: Recycling Grant Application was completed and approved for 2026 Grant.

Wader donation to Westfield High School has been completed and pictures will be given at next meeting.

Kilbey explained erosion issue on County JJ and County Line. August 23rd 2" rain eroded farm field in Waushara County and sent runoff down JJ and into ditch causing shoulder/blacktop and ditch failures.

Sand mine in Town of Douglas and lack of reclamation to match plan was discussed. Kilbey and Staff are working with Landowner to get caught up and compliant with County reclamation ordinance.

Possible Montello tax deed property and erosion repairs were explained by Kilbey and Barger.

County Board rule revisions and combining Land Conservation and UW Extension Committees were presented by Fenner. Discussion was had on different scenarios and options.

Delwin Farms (Hell Family) will be hosting field day October 22nd to see results of drone applying cover crop seed 2 months ago. Now that crops are harvested the cover crops are growing good.

Agriculture Report: Most producers are in middle of harvest and busy with decent weather.

County Lakes Association: Fall Meeting was held on Sept. 11th. Jean Potter (Marquette County Zoning) was present to discuss updates to Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

Committee reviewed recent groundwater testing and educational program last month. Positive feedback was received, and future testing and direction was discussed.

Wood Lake CBCW grant administration was presented for renewal. Kilbey explained this is the 4th year of County administering grant and seen no issues with renewing.

Motion Borzick, 2nd Bennett to approve Marquette County as agent for Wood Lake Property Owners with Clean Boats/Water Grant in 2026 utilizing their DNR CBCW Grant. **Motion Carried.**

Kilbey presented renewing Golden Sands RC&D as the County AIS Contractor for 2026.

Motion Bennett, 2nd Haygood to approve designating Golden Sands RC&D as the County AIS Coordinator for 2026 and receive DNR grant funding from Marquette County. **Motion carried.**



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August/September 2025 expenses were reviewed and discussed.

Chairman Fenner adjourned the meeting. ***Motion Carried.***