



MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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Land & Water Conservation Committee

September 13th, 2022, 10:30 A.M.

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

Meeting Minutes

Dennis Fenner, Ken Borzick, Al Rosenthal, John Bennett, David Benson, Mike Jacobi, Abby Swan (virtual), Pat Kilbey, Ron Barger.

Chairman Fenner called the Meeting to Order and Roll Call.

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

Motion Bennett, 2nd Benson to approve July 2022 Minutes. **Motion Carried**

LWCD Report: Kilbey reported on recent Groundwater Legislative Bills being signed by Governor and that he, along with other Central Sands County Conservationists were invited to the bill signings.

Tech Position is not hired yet, with interview planned for later in week. Justin from DATCP has been covering construction inspection on 3 on-going projects.

FSA Report: Fenner reported Staff is working on reports to end year, Office is getting new furniture along with a new PT position.

Golden Sands RC&D Report: Rosenthal reported RC&D has a new Executive Director who is Kendra, our former AIS Coordinator who will still do AIS work part time. Booth at fair was manned by lakes volunteers and organized by RC&D.

County Lakes Association: Jacobi reported they just had their annual meeting and the longtime President and Treasurer have retired from the board. Hamerla from RC&D will help to facilitate the new Board members and give better direction to the Association. Discussion followed.

Motion Benson, 2nd Borzick to approve Monthly Reports as presented. **Motion Carried**

Kilbey and Fenner (current appointee) briefed Committee on FSA representation on Land Conservation Committee. Currently, Wisconsin State Statutes require an FSA Representative to the Committee.

However, FSA cannot allow a representative to report on their meetings and landowner information. Kilbey and Fenner both stated that only relative information is presented by Fenner. Wisconsin Land/Water Conservation Association is working with WCA to come up with a permanent solution and most likely State Statute changes. Committee agreed for Fenner to keep reporting on basic information but not to be an official appointee of FSA. Discussion followed.

Kilbey and Kepler updated on new cost share funding designated for no-till and cover crop applications. Different funding sources were presented and how/when payments could be made. They asked if Committee had ideas on how to administer funding to Landowners and some type of policy is needed. Chairman Fenner asked Staff to draft a policy and bring back to Committee to discuss and approve.

Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Collection was held this past Saturday. Kilbey and others reported on how busy the event was and how it exceeded expectations. Kilbey thanked all that helped and recommended more paid staff for future events as it was a lot to ask of volunteers. Final numbers will be presented at next meeting. Discussion followed.



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Kilbey reported the County applied for and was rewarded approximately \$13,000 grant to hole a household/Ag. Chemical Clean Sweep is 2023. County would need to match funds and is partnering with Health Department who extended unused 2022 funds to 2023 for grant match. Event date will be set later in winter. Discussion was had on event and possibly combining with E-waste event.

Kilbey/Barger presented 2023 proposed Department Budget. Slight levy increase of \$11,340 over 2022 was presented. Increase is mostly personnel costs and reducing recycling position 15% time vs. current 20%. This will allow more recycling grant dollars made available to Municipalities for recycling costs. \$1,500 increase was added to contract with Golden Sands RC&D for 5th Grade Groundwater Classes.

Charging \$50 per construction site erosion control plans and stormwater infiltration plans could possibly increase revenues \$600-800 per year. Discussion was had on plans and numbers in a year.

Motion Bennett, 2nd Jacobi to update fee schedule to include \$50 fee for Construction Site Erosion Control Plans and Stormwater Infiltration Plans starting in 2023. **Motion Carried**

Motion Benson, 2nd Jacobi to approve 2023 Department Budget as presented. **Motion Carried**

July/August 2022 Expenses were reviewed.

Chairman Fenner adjourned the meeting at 11:45