



MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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Land & Water Conservation Committee

February 14th, 2023, 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), Patrick Kilbey, Ron Barger, Morgan Kepler (virtual), Maddy Pfaff (USDA Wildlife), Grant Gagliardi (WDNR), Sharon Galonski (County Lakes).

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 December 2022 Minutes. **Motion Carried**

Maddy Pfaff, USDA Wildlife Services, presented 2022 Damage Claims for approval. 5 claims were submitted.

Motion Benson, 2nd Bennett approve 5 2022 Wildlife Damage Claims totaling \$47,627.86. **Motion Carried**
Pfaff reported she is switching Counties and a new Technician will be assigned when hired. Grant Gagliardi introduced himself as the new WDNR Wildlife Biologist covering Green Lake/Marquette Counties.

LWCD Report: Kilbey reported Dept. has been busy completing 2022 reimbursements from DATCP and DNR and most monies have been collected. Farmer Nutrient Management Training starts Feb. 21st. Speaking and Poster Contests were recently held, and Marquette County is sending 2 speakers to State Level Contest. Technical design work is underway for project installation in 2023.

Agriculture Report: Fenner reported elections complete, he is Chairman. Staffing is full at Westfield office.

Golden Sands RC&D Report: Rosenthal will report under Agenda Item #7

County Lakes Association: Jacobi reported new Board of Directors are lined up and will be meeting in April. Sharon Galonski (new Lakes Association President) introduced herself. Discussion followed.

Motion Jacobi, 2nd Benson to approve all reports as presented. **Motion Carried.**

Rosenthal/Kilbey reported on Golden Sands RC&D. 2022 Report was handed out. Rosenthal would like to get report to County Board & present it in March. Kilbey stated Golden Sands requests \$1,900 in dues and County paid \$609 for 2023. Some member counties pay full amount and others pay less. Discussion was held on how much Golden Sands does for Marquette County. Discussion followed.

Rosenthal/Kilbey explained 5th Grade Groundwater classes that Golden Sands offers for \$300/class. Other Counties highly recommend the classes. Kilbey requested 5 classes be covered at County Schools.

Motion Bennett, 2nd Jacobi to contract with Golden Sands RC&D for 5th grade Groundwater classes totaling \$1,500 and to use Tree Sale account funds. **Motion Carried**

Kilbey explained the E-waste Event grant for 2023 and how he was able to secure a recycling company to hold event at minimal cost to county along with charging zero dollars for TV Collection. County will have to provide minimum 4 laborers and a forklift the day of event. Discussion was had on Highway Dept. forklift and where to budget these expenses. Committee agreed that Kilbey should pursue the grant and hold a 2023 event.

Upper Fox Demo farms renewal was discussed. After discussing, Committee agreed to continue to partner with the Upper Fox Network.



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Motion Bennett, 2nd Benson to approve Marquette County participating in the Upper Fox Demo Farm network at an estimated 2023 expense of \$3,700 and Tree Sale account for funding source. **Motion Carried**
Discussion was held on expanding the network throughout the County.

Kilbey/Kepler presented Soil Health (no-till/cover crop) Cost Share Policy. Funding source and eligibility parameters were discussed with Cover Crops being reimbursed at \$25/acre and No-Till at \$18.50/acre.

Motion Bennett, 2nd Jacobi to approve Soil Health Cost Share Policy as presented and to use the \$25/acre for Cover Crops and 18.50/acre for No-Till as reimbursement rates. **Motion Carried**

December 2022 & January 2023 Expenses were reviewed.
Chairman Fenner adjourned the meeting.