



MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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Land & Water Conservation Committee

December 12th, 2023, 10:30 A.M.

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

Meeting Minutes

Dennis Fenner, Ken Borzick, John Bennett, David Benson, Larry Haygood, Abby Swan, Pat Kilbey, Ron Barger. Fenner called the Meeting to Order. Roll Call was taken.

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

Motion Borzick, 2nd Benson to approve October 2023 Minutes. **Motion Carried.**

LWCD Report: Deer Donation: Kilbey reported that 26 deer were collected during rifle season. Donation is run by volunteers and processing is paid by DNR; discussion followed. Tree Sale started and is going well. Healthy Lakes Grant Application for 2024 was submitted with 5 applicants.

Agriculture Report: Fenner reported there is an upcoming meeting to count ballots for Waushara County Representative. Farm Bill has not been finalized yet.

Golden Sands RC&D Report: Benson has audit and budget reports for RC&D. Council reviewed was had about test results showing 70% of wells throughout state had PFAS. Discussion followed.

County Lakes Association: No report.

Kilbey discussed Wood Lake CBCW Grant application request for 3rd year in row. Wood Lake signed Agreement between Wood Lake/County which has Wood Lake responsible if deliverables are not met. Motion Borzick, 2nd Benson to approve Marquette County acting as agent for Wood Lake Property Owners with their Clean Boats/Water Grant in 2024 utilizing their DNR CBCW Grant. **Motion Carried.**

Farmland Preservation Tax Credit rate is increasing from \$7.50 to \$10 per acre starting with 2023 Income Tax. Discussion followed on FPP requirements.

Kilbey requested \$1,800 to renew 5th Grade Groundwater Classes in 2024 that are provided by Golden Sands RC&D. This is same as County funded in 2023 and rave reviews were heard from the Teachers involved. Motion Bennett, 2nd Benson to approve \$1,800 from Tree Account for 2024 5th grade Groundwater Lessons. **Motion Carried.**

Kilbey presented year end Dept. of Ag. Cost Share funding update. Structural practices had \$32,923 funded to landowners. Agricultural Incentive Programs had Cover Crop payments of \$25,500, with another \$39,500 on Nutrient Management.

October and November 2023 Expenses were reviewed.

Motion Borzick, 2nd Benson to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried.**