



MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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Land & Water Conservation Committee

May 14th, 2024, 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, Pat Kilbey, Ron Barger.
Ron Barger called the Meeting to Order.

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

Barger opened the floor for nomination of Committee Chairperson.

Motion Bennett, 2nd Haygood to nominate Dennis Fenner as Committee Chairperson. **Motion Carried**

Motion Borzick, 2nd Bennett to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Dennis Fenner as Committee Chairperson. **Motion Carried**

Discussion was had on Committee Structure and Agricultural represented appointed to Committee. Consensus was to keep to 4-person committee and to have one of County Board Members appointed as Ag. Representative. Board Chairman Borzick appointed John Bennett as the Agricultural representative to the Land Conservation Committee.

Motion Borzick, 2nd Haygood to approve February 2024 Minutes. **Motion Carried**

LWCD Report: Private well water testing program is about to get started. UWSP is developing wells to test. Discussion was had on testing and logistics of sampling. Kilbey will update as needed.

Engineering Technician resigned as he took a job with Ducks Unlimited. Kilbey and Barger adjusted position descriptions and workloads were adjusted to meet demands on the office.

Lake Winnebago Land Conservation Association along with Wisconsin Land/Water have set up an area meeting and Supervisor Training in Green Bay June 7th. Kilbey will forward meeting details when available. LWRM Plan is due for 5-year review at the August Meeting of Wisconsin Land and Water Board meeting. Kilbey and Chairman Fenner are both required to attend meeting/review.

County Lakes Association: Board met last week, and approved AIS Grant Application being discussed later on agenda. Spring Meeting for the Association will be June 13th.

Golden Sands RC&D: Benson reported upcoming meeting will be on May 16th will be organizational with new members.

Discussion was had on new Marquette County Delegate to Golden Sands RC&D. Borzick volunteered to be delegate and Chairman Fenner approved Borzick as new Delegate to RC&D.

Kilbey presented final summary of 2024 Tree Sale. Staying average to other sales, 43,500 trees sold, and more than 300 customer orders placed. Discussion was had on history of sale and planting/spraying equipment. Kilbey asked Committee to be able to sell the large hydraulic planter by recommendation of DNR Forester. Discussion was had on State Surplus website and Highway helping with listing process.

Motion Bennett, 2nd Haygood to sell large planter and return proceeds to Tree Sale Account. **Motion Carried.**

Purchase of Transcendent Technologies Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) Tracking Software was discussed. Kilbey explained the growth of FPP in County and the time constraints it created. This software would help be more efficient and alert the County to parcel ownership changes. Zoning Administrator has \$13,600 ear marked since 2022 out of their annual grant to pay for software allowing us to purchase for zero



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tax levy. Annual maintenance fees of \$1,200 will be needed in 2027 budget and discussion was had on FPP Fees to be charged to help fund the fees.

Motion Bennett, 2nd Haygood to allow Kilbey to purchase Transcendent Technologies FPP Tracking Software for \$13,600 using the Land Information Grant to fund it. **Motion Carried**

Kilbey presented 6 AIS Grant applications from the County Wide Lake Association (MCLA) for approval. Current fund has \$1,500 balance and MCLA donated \$1,000 to make \$2,500 available.

Motion Borzick, 2nd Bennett to approve the following AIS Grant payments: Wood, Twin, Puckaway & Emery Lakes for \$500 each and Comstock and School Section for \$250 each. **Motion Carried**

March & April 2024 Expenses were reviewed.

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