



MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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Land & Water Conservation Committee

September 10th, 2024, 9:00 A.M.

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

Meeting Minutes

Dennis Fenner, Ken Borzick, John Bennett, Larry Haygood, Pat Kilbey, Ron Barger, Natasha Paris

Borzick called the Meeting to Order for Chairman who was running late

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

Motion Bennett, 2nd Bennett to approve June 2024 Minutes. **Motion Carried**

LWCD Report: County received cost share grant transfer of \$8,000 from Waushara County. These additional funds will be used to cost share nutrient management and cover crop cost share contracts.

Marquette County will host Lake Winnebago Land Conservation Association fall tour/meeting on Sept. 20th.

Discussion was had on members who can make tour and times/location, etc.

Demo Farm Field Day is set for Sept. 25th at Soda Farms. Discussion followed.

Private well water testing program has started with approximately 200 returns (out of 898 mailed) wanting the test so far. Goal is to test 300-350 wells. Discussion was had on the program and ways to save on expenses to allow for more testing.

Agriculture Report: Bennett discussed crop status and Silage corn being chopped. Wildlife Damage was discussed, and that Kilbey was invited for a future damage assessment when they are performed by WS.

County Lakes Association: Haygood discussed Annual Meeting Sept. 14th and invited Committee to attend.

Golden Sands RC&D: No meeting

Chairman Fenner arrived and ran meeting.

Farmland Preservation Program Status Review fees were discussed. Kilbey explained status reviews and Staff time to complete them. A 3-4 tier fee based on enrolled acreage was contemplated by Committee with different acreage breaks and tiers being discussed. A suggested 4 tier acreage breakdown was agreed to.

Motion Bennett, 2nd Borzick to approve a FPP Status Review Fee to be charged every 4-years when status reviews are required. Fees will be charged according to following acreage breakdown: 0-50=\$25, 51-200=\$50, 201-500=\$75 and 501 and above \$100. **Motion Carried.**

Kilbey asked for Committee approval to write a DNR Surface Water Grant for watershed planning (9-Key Element plan) for Buffalo Lake Sub watersheds. This grant would not involve any County dollars above already budgeted staff/support dollars. The grant is \$10,000 and requires a 65% minimum match that would tentatively be matched by the Buffalo Lake District. If their match is not approved, Kilbey would not apply for grant.

Motion Haygood, 2nd Bennett to approve for Kilbey to apply for a 2025 DNR Surface Water Grant for Buffalo Lake Watershed planning/9-Key Element planning to be contingent on Buffalo Lake District supplying matching dollars. **Motion Carried.**

August 2024 Expenses were reviewed.

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