

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office April 9, 2019 10:00 AM
Minutes**

- 1). **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Charles Wagner

- 2). **Roll Call:** Committee Members present: Charles Wagner, Lee Luft, Gary Paape, Aaron Augustian, and Clark Riemer
UWEX – Aerica Bjurstrom; NRCS – Joe Johnson

County Board Members: Mary Ellen Dobbins, Robert Weidner, Thomas Cretney, Cory Cochart, Kim Kroll, and Kaye Shillin,

- 3). **Approval/Repair of Agenda:** Motion to approve the April 9, 2019 agenda was made by Gary Paape and seconded by Lee Luft. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- 4). **Approval/Repair of Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the March 12, 2019 meeting minutes was made Aaron Augustian and seconded by Clark Riemer. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5). Public Comments regarding the regularly scheduled Land and Water Conservation Meeting:

There were approximately 50-70 members of the public in attendance.

There were 10 public comments that addressed: (1) The Year of Clean Water and the time is right for Kewaunee County to step up oversight including rental letters to all landowners who lease their lands, installing monitoring wells around manure lagoons, and pass a Resolution in support of SB137; (2) Forestville Millpond and the sediment that will be entering Kewaunee County through the Ahnapee River and a request to draft a recommendation or resolution from the LCC against the drawdown; (3) Farmers are working together and doing their best including following ordinances and implementing nutrient management and how more acres are under cover crops from previous years; (4) AgroPur discharge of chlorides and heavy metals are degrading the East Twin River from Hwy 29 to Two Rivers and a specific request to study this stream for the heavy metals; (5) the need to address all unused wells in the county and properly abandon them; (6) LCC should address Wakker's two previous spills and contact the DNR to push for serious enforcement and a referral to the Department of Justice and (7) that septics and abandoned wells are highly regulated and the problem lies within the agricultural land-use.

6. Presentation: Dr. Borchardt – Risk Factors for Private Well Contamination in Kewaunee County

Presentation will be posted to Kewaunee County's Land & Water Conservation Department's website

7. Department Reports:

- a. *Animal Waste Storage Permits:* None

- b. *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers:* LWCD is making appointments for Spring 2019

- c. *Conservation Plans for Approval:* Michael Gilson

- d. *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates:* None

- e. *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance:* In effect until 4/15/19 – no spreading/stacking of any waste on 0-20 feet to bedrock. No complaints or violations to date. Spreading may resume April 16th in areas 0-20 feet to bedrock. However, pits are very full

f. *Chapter 39 update*: Citations are being processed through Mr. Wisnicky's Department.

g. *Well Testing Update*: Date is set for October 29th, **2019**.

h). Land & Water Resource Management Plan: Davina and Chuck presented the updated 2020-2029 plan to Wisconsin Land & Water Board in Madison on April 2nd. Approved by WI Land & Water Board. County Board approval will be requested on April 16, 2019.

i). *Zoning / Sanitation Report*: March 2019

Existing Inspection Reports: 3

Permit Applications: 1

House Number: 1

8). Cooperating Agency Reports:

a). USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): 13 manure storages within the next 2 years in both Door and Kewaunee County. May 17th is the next Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) with funding for cover crops and no-till.

b). UWEX: Aerica discussed the following upcoming meetings:

April: Held the 3rd hauler training in partnership with Kevin Erb and LWCD.

5/15 – Conservation Day for County 6th graders

6/13 – Crop/Forage Day

c). USDA APHIS (**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**) Wildlife Services: N/A

d). Comments from State Legislators: N/A

e). Other Agency/Organization Reports: Aaron Augustian passed out an update from Peninsula Pride Farms regarding what best-management practices the group has supported and cost-shared including cover crops, split nitrogen application, harvestable buffers around sinkholes, and measuring depth of soil to bedrock.

9). Other Matters to Discuss (if needed)

a) Department Natural Resources (DNR) Workgroup Update: Still no update since Russ left his position at DNR.

b) Northeast Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) update: TMDL is on schedule with testing of waters wrapping up in November 2019.

c) Brown County Digester Update: Lee Luft reported there has been no progress made yet, including permits from the County/Township.

d) Land Spreading of Septic: Lee Luft was given the Open Record Request files on April 9th.

10). Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: May 14, 2019 @ 8:15am, June 11, 2019 @ 8:15am

11). Chairman's Wrap-Up Comments: Chairman Wagner thanked everyone for their public comments and their participation and Dr. Borchardt for attending today's meeting.

12). Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 am was made by Aaron Augustian and seconded by Gary Paape. Motion carried unanimously.

Updated 4/5/2019

OLD AND OUTSTANDING SEPTICS (PRIOR TO 2017):

11 septic systems that are still non-compliant. Breakdown is as follows:

4 – Permits have been issued, waiting to install.

2 – The state plan approvals have now come back so sanitary permits will hopefully be issued soon.

5 – Houses vacant, we are monitoring.

**Jeff is handling these.

2017 SEPTIC SYSTEM ENFORCEMENTS:

Originally 52 enforcement letters were mailed out. 11 are still non-compliant. Breakdown is as follows:

3 - Permits have been issued, waiting to install.

1 – Possibly hooking to Village sewer.

2 – The state plan approvals have now come back so sanitary permits will hopefully be issued soon.

4 – Soil tests are now completed.

1 – Nothing.

**Jeff is handling these.

2018 SEPTIC SYSTEM ENFORCEMENTS:

Originally 110 enforcement letters were mailed March 2018 with a 1 year deadline to prove soil compliance. Breakdown is as follows:

6 - Permit has been issued, waiting to install.

60 – Systems have passed inspection/or new systems have been installed.

3 – Systems are no longer in use.

19 – Soil tests have been completed.

22 – Haven't done anything yet.

**Jeff mailed reminder letters in March to ones that haven't done anything and to ones that have completed soil tests.

2019 SEPTIC SYSTEM ENFORCEMENTS:

146 Enforcement letters were mailed March 2019 with a 1 year deadline to prove soil compliance.

2 – Systems have passed inspection.

1 – System no longer in use.

Respectfully submitted by Davina Bonness – Kewaunee County, County Conservationist