

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office March 12, 2019 8:15 AM
Minutes**

1) Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:15 AM by Chairman Charles Wagner

2) Roll Call: Committee Members present: Charles Wagner Gary Paape, Aaron Augustian, and Clark Riemer
Excused: Lee Luft

UWEX – Aerica Bjurstrom; County Board members: Mary Ellen Dobbins and Robert Weidner

3). Approval/Repair of Agenda: Motion to approve the March 12, 2019 agenda was made by Gary Paape and seconded by Clark Riemer. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4). Approval/Repair of Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the February 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 32 members of the public in attendance.

There were 12 public comments that addressed: Opposition to the Door County Millpond (located in Forestville) drawdown project in regards to the discharge to the Ahnapee River; not having Kewaunee County stakeholders at the table; temporary fix with drawdown; and urged Kewaunee County to not support the project and ask for a working group to look at the issues; (2) discharge to East Twin River from Agro-Pur and the 26 different metals in that waterbody; (3) landowner with manure ponded in their yard from a November spreading event; (4) water issues continuing in Lincoln Township; (5) the need to install monitoring wells adjacent to manured fields and manure pits; (6) Regulatory failure of Kewaunee County's Board; (7) Manure pits are leaking 500 g/day and are identified within Mark Borchardt's research; (8) need to reduce agricultural runoff and fix the problems; (9) Septics are not the problem, agricultural is the issues with the Millpond and the counties need 20 foot to bedrock prohibition on spreading; (10) Kewaunee has had multiple studies and workgroups and now need to move beyond the conversation and take action; (11) Monitoring wells are a must.

6. Presentation: Erin Hanson (Door County Soil & Water) – Forestville Millpond Project

Presentation from Erin Hanson (County Conservationist-Door County) was given to the LCC regarding the Forestville Millpond Project and the Door County approval project plan.

Link to Door County's Millpond Report can be found at:

<http://map.co.door.wi.us/swcd/Forestville%20Millpond%20LPL162317%20Final%20Report.pdf>

7. Department Reports:

- a) *Animal Waste Storage Permits – None*
- b) *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers: No update*
- c) *Conservation Plans for Approval:* Daniel Pilgrim, Charlotte & Darren Duckart, Richard Ciha, Dan & Dale Dalebroux, Ben Todd Koss, Paul Koss, Mountain View Acres LLC, Eugene Alberts, Jeffrey Alberts, Phyllis Benz, Glen Rueckl, Dean Duckart, Hubert Jauquet, Miller Family Trust
- d) *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates: DNR, no update.*
- 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.

f) *Chapter 39 update:* Citations were sent out in the end of February.

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

h). Land & Water Resource Management Plan: Davina will be presenting the final 2020-2029 Plan to the Land & Water Resources Board on April 2, 2019.

i). *Zoning / Sanitation Report:* February Report handed out and attached to the minutes

8). Cooperating Agency Reports:

a). USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): N/A

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

3/5 – 62 people attended the UWEX hauler meeting along with LWCD employees. Attendees asked about the citations from manure spills and asked if that money could go into an education and restoration account for surface waters.

3/26 – Water hemp meeting (email Aerica for details)

5/15 – Conservation Day for County 6th graders

6/13 – Crop/Forage Day

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

Motion to approve the 2018 Wildlife Damage Program claims as presented was made by Clark Riemer and seconded by Gary Paape. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

In 2018 – 31 deer were donated, which equaled approximately 1230 pounds of venison was delivered to the two pantries in the County.

d). Comments from State Legislators: None

e). Other Agency/Organization Reports: None

9). Other Matters to Discuss (if needed)

a) Department Natural Resources (DNR) Workgroup Update: Russ Rasmussen retired from the DNR in Madison on March 1st and took a position in the EPA Region 5 office in Chicago (starting on March 11th). No word on replacement or who will be taking over the DNR Workgroups.

b) Northeast Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) update: None

c) Brown County Digester Update: None

d) Land Spreading of Septic: I have all the information from the Open Records Request. All the information will be given to Lee Luft to compile the results.

e) Action Item & Vote: Resolution to set permit fees for the Irrigation Ordinance for the plan review.

Motion to approve the Resolution to establish a permit fee for the "Agricultural Waste & Process Wastewater Irrigation Ordinance" and send to full County Board was made by Gary Paape and seconded by Clark Riemer. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

10). Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: April 9, 2019 @ 10:00 am; May 14, 2019 @ 8:15am
Mark Borchardt will be presenting to the LCC at April meeting.

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

12). Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:24am was made by Aaron Augustian and seconded by Gary Paape. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Davina Bonness – Kewaunee County, County Conservationist

OLD AND OUTSTANDING SEPTICS (PRIOR TO 2017):

12 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.

1 – Deadline was given to install by 2019.

**Jeff is handling 10 of these – he either contacted homeowners or summoned homeowners to court.

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 – he either contacted homeowners or summoned homeowners to court.

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:

4 - Permit has been issued, waiting to install.

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

3 – Systems are no longer in use.

21 – Soil tests have been completed.

25 – Haven't done anything yet.

****In mid March Jeff will be sending letters to homeowners who haven't done anything yet with a deadline for the soil evaluation and he's also sending letters to homeowners that have already completed soil evaluations reminding them to install their septic systems this year.**