

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting  
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office May 14, 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, Lee Luft, Gary Paape and Aaron Augustian  
Excused: Clark Riemer

UWEX – Aerica Bjurstrom; NRCS – Joe Johnson

County Board Members: Robert Weidner, Tom Cretney, Mimi Dobbins and Kim Kroll

**3). Approval/Repair of Agenda:** Motion to approve the May 14, 2019 agenda was made by Gary Paape and seconded by Aaron Augustian. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**4). Approval/Repair of Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the April 9, 2019 meeting minutes was made Lee Luft and seconded by Aaron Augustian. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

There were 21 members of the public in attendance.

There were 5 public comments that addressed: (1) the miscommunication that is occurring on a state-wide level and the lack of communicating the positive things that are happening on Farms in Kewaunee County; (2) manure lagoons are permitted to leak 500 gallons per acre per day and the need for monitoring wells and Chapter 39 enforcement; (3) the damage to the East Twin River from the heavy metals permitted to discharge into this river and how the DNR did not cross reference the Blue Iris funded study that showed these levels of heavy metals; (4) fish are seen by members of the public in the East Twin River; (5) Halls Calf Ranch distributed an email and DNR laboratory results (to the committee) showing they followed all the rules and regulations to the runoff incident that occurred following a spring thaw in 2019.

**6. Action Item: Discuss/Approve Committee Rules:**

Motion to approve the Committee Rules with removing the word "USE" in the title/document to read "Land and Water Committee" was made by Lee Luft and seconded by Gary Paape. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**7. Action Item: Discuss/Vote SB137 Resolution:**

Motion to approve and send to the Full County Board the Resolution "In support of SB137, relating to nitrate testing – grants for wells containing elevated nitrates" was made by Lee Luft and seconded by Aaron Augustian. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**8. Department Reports:**

- a. *Animal Waste Storage Permits:* None
- b. *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers:* Travis is actively walking fields (started beginning of April). An update will be provided next month.
- c. *Conservation Plans for Approval:* William Doperalski, Russell Zeitler, Swagel Sand & Gravel, Wenzel Swagel, Robert Grzybowski, and JBBJ Company LLC.

- d. *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates:* Buresh Farms received an NOV from DNR on 4/16/19 – for discharge from the Dairy’s agricultural field to navigable waters on Nov 13, 2018 (happened on field just in Brown County).
- e. *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance:* Spreading resumed April 16<sup>th</sup> in areas 0-20 feet to bedrock.
- f. *Chapter 39 update:* All of the citations from fall of 2018 have been resolved except 3. Two have a trial and/or pre-trial date, and the third is working on getting resolved through Corp Counsel.
- g. *Well Testing Update:* Date is set for October 29<sup>th</sup>, **2019**.
- h). Land & Water Resource Management Plan: Approved by County Board on April 16, 2019. Waiting on final DATCP signatures, and then plan will be 100% complete.

i). Zoning / Sanitation Report: April 2019

Soil Inspections: 15  
 Septic Inspections: 4  
 Existing Inspection Reports: 16  
 Permit Applications: 6  
 House Number: 3  
 Enforcement Letter Verification: 2

**9). Cooperating Agency Reports:**

a). USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):

Joe discussed EQIP signup has been seeing an increase in cover crops and no-till acres and the spring signup will be ending this Friday (17<sup>th</sup>).

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

5/15 – Conservation Day for County 6<sup>th</sup> graders  
 6/13 – Crop/Forage Day  
 7/30, 7/31 & 9/6 – All Save the Bay meetings/field days. No times/locations have been set yet.

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:– Kari Divine from Glacierland RC&D attended and gave an update on RC&D successful partnerships throughout the area as well as a number of ways Kewaunee County can work with this organization on projects. Kari also made the committee aware of a Rotational Grazing Pasture Walk on July 10<sup>th</sup> in Manitowoc County.

**10). Other Matters to Discuss (if needed)**

a) Department Natural Resources (DNR) Workgroup Update: Joe Baeten from the DNR will be taking over Russ Rasmussen’s previous work with the Kewaunee County Workgroups. No meeting dates have been established to date.

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

- i) Davina handed out a copy of the Resolution the Kewaunee County PAL committee approved on May 9<sup>th</sup> supporting funding for additional testing of Ahnapee River during drawdown of Forestville Millpond.

Gary Paape made a motion to support this resolution and it was seconded by Aaron Augustian, Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- c) Brown County Digester Update: Lee Luft gave a brief update. The Town of Holland will be holding a public comment meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> followed by a Town Board Vote on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

- d) Land Spreading of Septic: Lee Luft was given the Open Record Request files on April 9<sup>th</sup> and made copies for the committee to review. In discussion, Lee and Chuck will follow up with Representatives Kitchens and Jaque to attend an LCC meeting as well as DNR personnel to review and clarify the findings.

**11). Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings:** June 11, 2019 @ 8:15am; July 9, 2019 @ 8:15am

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

**13). Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am was made by Aaron Augustian and seconded by Gary Paape. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD AND OUTSTANDING SEPTICS (PRIOR TO 2017):**

10 septic systems that are still non-compliant.

\*\*Jeff is handling these.

**2017 SEPTIC SYSTEM ENFORCEMENTS:**

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

4 - 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.

\*\*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:

7 - Permit has been issued, waiting to install.

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

3 – Systems are no longer in use.

25 – Soil tests are completed plus 6 that have soil borings scheduled and we confirmed with the soil testers.

2 – Haven't done anything yet and Jeff issued citations to them.

\*\*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.

13 – Systems have passed inspection.

2 – Soil tests are completed.

1 – System no longer in use.

Respectfully submitted by Davina Bonness – Kewaunee County, County Conservationist