

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting  
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office February 11, 2020 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, Aaron Augustian, Clark Riemer & Gary Paape

Excused: Lee Luft

UWEX – Aerica Bjurstrom; County Board Members: Kim Kroll, Thomas Cretney & Robert Weidner

3). **Approval/Repair of Agenda:** Motion to approve the February 11, 2020 agenda with moving item 9d after Department Reports 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 January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes was made by 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 16 members of the public in attendance.

There were 9 public comments that addressed: (1) County Board & LCC should adopt a regenerative agriculture resolution & implement; (2) Forestville Dam is eroding down to 4 foot channels with massive runoff entering Kewaunee County; (3) Local farms are supporting the committee and LWCD with environmental practices and want to partner and help; (4) massive regulatory failure, decreased milk consumption, all waterways on the impaired list, pit overflows and heavy metals in the East Twin River; (5) 39 days to spring and manure, County needs more waterways, cover crops, no-till, increased enforcement, decrease in herds and increase in committee support; (5) County Board & LCC adopting a Resolution to adopt all Water Quality Task Force recommendations; (6) farmers asking for another pre-manure hauling spring meeting because the fall one opened up the line of communication; (7) weather is what is happening and we need to redefine the 24 hour – 25 year rain event; and (8) as milk prices decrease, farms increase herds numbers, supply management.

6. **Department Reports:**

- a. *Animal Waste Storage Permits:* None
- b. *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers:* Travis (January): Sending letters for 2020 walkovers.
- c. *Conservation Plans for Approval:* None
- d. *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates:* DNR issued: Kinnard Farms received a NOV on 2/6/2020 for their spill that occurred on 11/27/2019.
- e. *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance:* Prohibition in effect – no stacking or spreading of any wastes on 0-20 feet to bedrock until April 15th. So far there has been no violations or complaints.
- f. *Chapter 39 update:* Citations were delivered to DeJardin Farms; Mincheski Farms; and Stahl was referred to Corp Counsel within the last week. LWCD is still working on the Wakker report.
- g. *Well Testing Update:* N/A

- h. Zoning / Sanitation Report: January
  - a. Soil Inspections: 2
  - b. Septic Inspections: 4
  - c. Existing Inspection Reports: 4
  - d. Permit Applications: 4
  - e. House Number: 0

7). Tiling Discussion: Mike LaCrosse was unable to attend, but will be scheduled for a future meeting.

**8). Cooperating Agency Reports:**

- a). USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): N/A
- b). UWEX: Aerica gave an update that there were 9 CAFO meetings throughout the state in which over 40 people attended the Luxemburg meeting. February 18– Pesticide Applicator Training; February 27 – Preparing for 2020: Forage & Soil Management; March 2 & 26 – March Haulers 101 (one will be in Spanish); and Extension is continuing their Land Rent Survey through Feb 15. Conservation Day is May 13<sup>th</sup> & Clean Sweep on May 9<sup>th</sup> at Hillside. For more information on times/locations – call UW-Extension office.
- c). USDA APHIS (**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**) Wildlife Services: Will be on March agenda
- d). Comments from State Legislators: NA
- e). Other Agency/Organization Reports: Farm Service Agency (FSA) – New Governor program with sign up by March 15<sup>th</sup> (contact the local FSA for more information).

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

- a) Department Natural Resources (DNR) Workgroup Update: The next Alternative Technology meeting is set for February 26, 2020 from 12-3pm at the Luxemburg Fairground 4-H Room.
- b) Northeast Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) update: None
- c) Brown County Digester Update: Chuck discussed that this project went back to the state for renewal of the grant, and it passed.
- d) Resolution on Black Ash Swamp & Glacial Lakes Conservancy: Discussion was held regarding operation and maintenance plans as well as payment in lieu of taxes, Aaron Augustian made a motion to approve this Resolution, but withdrew. LCC will reconsider this Resolution at the March LCC meeting.
- e) Green Bay Ecosystem Project: Kevin Fermanich from UW-Green Bay gave a discussion a project that includes multiple State and Federal partnerships to propose a Research, Education & Stewardship Visitor Center in Green Bay, WI. This project has support, but letters to the Governor and/or Legislators would be helpful.

**10). Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings:** Thursday – March 12th, 2020 @ 8:15am. Monday – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:15am

**11). Chairman's Wrap-Up Comments:** Chairman Wagner thanked everyone for their public comments and will be working on a list of topics the public wishes the LCC to address, which then can be put on future agendas.

**12). Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 am was made by Gary Paape and seconded by Clark Riemer. Motion carried unanimously.