

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office March 12, 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

County Board Members: Thomas Cretney & Robert Weidner

3). Approval/Repair of Agenda: Motion to approve the March 12, 2020 agenda was made by Clark Riemer and seconded by Gary Paape. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4). Approval/Repair of Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the February 11, 2020 meeting minutes (with the change of Governor to Government under FSA reports) was made by Aaron Augustian and seconded by Gary Paape. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

There were 11 members of the public in attendance.

There were 6 public comments that addressed: (1) urging the LCC to adopt a Regenerative Agricultural Resolution for Kewaunee County; (2) heavy sediment transport down the Ahnapee River due to the drawdown of the Forestville Mill Pond; (3) drain tiles and liquid manure – request to stop all manure application on tiled fields; (4) local health emergency and the urgency needs to occur to address antibiotic resistance, pathogens, MRSA and listen to the science and research that was done in the County; (5) the lack of weather stations and the need of a network of rain gauges (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network website for more information).

6. Department Reports:

- a. *Animal Waste Storage Permits:* None
- b. *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers:* Notices are being sent out to schedule 2020 walkovers
- c. *Conservation Plans for Approval:* None
- d. *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates:* None
- 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:* Wakker spill was sent to Corp Counsel.
- g. *Well Testing Update:* N/A
- h. *Zoning / Sanitation Report: February*
 - a. Soil Inspections: 1
 - b. Septic Inspections: 2
 - c. Existing Inspection Reports: 3
 - d. Permit Applications: 1
 - e. House Number: 1

7). Tiling Discussion: N/A – will continue to put on the agenda

8). Cooperating Agency Reports:

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

b). UWEX: Conservation Day is May 13th & Clean Sweep on May 9th at Hillside. For more information on times/locations – call UW-Extension office. Travis (LWCD) gave an update of the first Haulers 101 meeting and it was very successful, Sheriff Joski presented as well as UWEX & LWCD. The Hauler meeting for March 26 has currently been postponed.

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

i. Action Item: 2019 WDACP claims review for approval/denial

Motion to approve the 2019 WDACP claims as presented was made by Gary Paape and seconded by Aaron Augustian. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

ii. Discussion on Senate bill 628 was held which would have lesser limits and eliminate the county's involvement with Wildlife Damage.

Brian Maedtke gave a report for 2019. 22 deer were donated to They's Venison Processing which equaled 989 pounds of meat donated to Paul's Pantry, Lakeshore Community Pantry and Kewaunee County Food Pantry.

d). Comments from State Legislators: N/A

e). Other Agency/Organization Reports: Farm Service Agency: Clark updated the committee of a new NRCS program that may allow some hiring of new employees and there have been changes in the Farm Service Agency because of budget issues. I.e – not hiring vacant positions, but having other counties cover.

9). Other Matters to Discuss (if needed)

a) Department Natural Resources (DNR) Workgroup Update: The Alternative Technology met on February 26, 2020 and discussed: (1) DNR nitrate performance standard development technical committee met in February 2020. There is a goal of 8 meetings. (2) Workgroup is finalizing the composting, soil health systems and manure management in karst factsheets and working on determined the remaining fact sheets of the series to be developed by this DNR workgroup.

b) Northeast Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) update: Wednesday, April 15th at 1:30pm, Luxemburg Expo Center is an informational update meeting on the progress.

c) Brown County Digester Update: N/A

d) Resolution on Black Ash Swamp & Glacial Lakes Conservancy:

Motion to move the "Resolution Supporting Preservation of 420 acres of the Black Ash Swamp with Continued Financial Support to Local Units of Government" to the Full County Board for discussion was made by Aaron Augustian and seconded by Clark Riemer. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

e) Discussion: Green Bay Ecosystem National Estuarine Research Reserve Project Resolution. LCC determined they need more information on this topic before a support resolution can be written.

f) Discussion on Public Comment Action Items: Davina handed out a draft list of actions/discussion topics from the public comment at LCC meetings. This is not a full list, but a start. The LCC determined they will review the list, make some comments and come to the April meeting to discuss the topics.

10). Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: Monday – April 6th, 2020 at 8:15am; Tuesday – May 12th, 2020 @ 8:15am

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

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

Submitted by
Davina Bonness