

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office September 8th, 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, Tim Kinnard, Nick Guilette & Clark Riemer
- 3). **Approval/Repair of Agenda:** Motion to approve the September 8th, 2020 agenda was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Nick Guilette. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- 4). **Approval/Repair of Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the August 11th, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Clark Riemer and seconded by Aaron Augustian. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5). Public Comments:

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

There were 3 public comments that addressed: (1) Regenerative Agriculture and how it is not an alternative technology and the County needs to change and install these practices – backed up with a Resolution in full support of Regenerative Ag; (2) the County should require 100% composting and the digester in Wrightstown is not feasible; (3) public concerns need to be acted on with a resolution and action items including a Resolution to Senator Jauque to move the water quality bills to the Senate, making the Waste Hauler policy an Ordinance; implementing a CAFO fee and a manure response fee and sending out letters to all landowners who rent out their land.

6. Department Reports:

- a. *Animal Waste Storage Permits:* DuBois (Concrete Lined) / Schmidt (Abandonment)
- b. *Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers:* August update
 - Total 22 landowners walked for a total of 2,675 acres walked
 - Compliance Schedules – 2 for gully erosion, tillage setbacks, roof gutters/barnyard collection
 - Full Compliance- 20
 - Nutrient Management Farmer Education; Reimbursement process is in the final stages before being sent out. Total of 16 Farms, covering 4,885 acres \$8,000 awarded for Farm Stipend (\$500 per participant); \$2,160.80 request for Soil Sample Reimbursement (6 participants took samples)
- c. *Conservation Plans for Approval:* None
- d. *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates (from DNR) –* None
- e. *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance:* N/A
- f. *Chapter 39 update:* August 20th – Srnka was referred to Corp Counsel for citation
- g. *Well Testing Update:* November 10, 2020 (Registration opens October). Working on grants for 2021 program.
- h. *Zoning / Sanitation Report:* August
 - a. Soil Inspections: 3
 - b. Septic Inspections: 15
 - c. Existing Inspection Reports: 15
 - d. Permit Applications: 7

e. House Number: 1

7). Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a). USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): N/A
- b). UW-Extension: N/A
- 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: Glacierland RC&D is hiring 5 full time positions.

8). Other Matters to Discuss (if needed)

- a) Department Natural Resources (DNR) Workgroup Update: September 1st at 1:00pm meeting discussed the nitrate targeted performance standard and the Silurian targeted performance standard "potential" research update. The fact sheet series were reviewed and include: rotational grazing, composting, soil health systems, manure management in karst and manure storage maintenance.
- b) Northeast Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) update: Third webinar was August 6th and is posted online; the 4th and final webinar date has not been set yet.
- c) **DRAFT LIST OF Actions/Discussion Topics from LCC Public Comment**
 - 1) ***Regenerative Agriculture** – Asking LCC to support with a resolution – many of these items are being discussed in the Alternative Technology DNR workgroup.
 - 2) **Water Quality Task Force Resolution supporting all recommendations** (Vos workgroup) – Moved through the Assembly unanimously and was slated to be voted on by the Senate, but COVID hit.
 - 3) ***Resolution to Governor Evers requesting fast tracking of DNR halting herd expansions on CAFOs and changing administrative rules for a higher capacity of storages**
 - 4) ***Chapter 38 Hauler Ordinance** – Davina will report back to the LCC with compliance percentages, but overall the LWCD has been receiving hauling records from the farms.
 - 5) ***Increase Variance Fees**
 - 6) ***Increase Violation fees**
 - 7) ***Implement County CAFO fees**
 - 8) ***Require land rental leases / letters**
 - 9) ***Implement a Spill Response Fee**
 - 10) ***Implement a Moratorium on cows**
 - 11) **Increase cover crops & no-till** – NRCS, Demo Farms, Peninsula Pride farms as well as LWCD has been encouraging these practices.
 - 12) ***Reduce herds**

Items with a star (*) are policy decisions in which Chairman Wagner will have a discussion with County Board Chairman about how to proceed. The discussion between Chairman Wagner and County Board Chairman has not yet occurred. The Committee will be updated next month.

9). Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: October 13th @ 8:15am; November 10th @ 8:15am; December 8th @ 8:15am.

10). Chairman's Wrap-Up Comments: Chairman Wagner thanked the public for attending and discussed how this county is moving forward with cover crop and no-till practices and working towards a common goal.

11). Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 am was made by Aaron Augustian and seconded by Nick Guilette. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD AND OUTSTANDING SEPTICS (PRIOR TO 2017):

5 septic systems that are still non-compliant.

**Jeff is handling these, citations were issued.

2017 SEPTIC SYSTEM ENFORCEMENTS:

Originally 52 enforcement letters were mailed out. 3 are still non-compliant. Breakdown is as follows:

1 - Permits have been issued, waiting to install.

1 – Soil test 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:

3 - Permit has been issued, waiting to install.

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

3 – Systems are no longer in use.

7 – Soil tests are completed.

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2019 SEPTIC SYSTEM ENFORCEMENTS:

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

19 – Permit has been issued, waiting to install.

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

30 – Soil tests are completed.

3 – System no longer in use.

2020 SEPTIC SYSTEM ENFORCEMENTS:

124 Enforcement letters were mailed July 2020 with a 1-year deadline to prove soil compliance.

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

11 – Soil tests are completed.