

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office April 13, 2021 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, Tim Kinnard, Nick Guilette, Aaron Augustian & Clark Riemer

Present: Aerica Bjurstrom-UWEX; Kate Nelson (LWCD)

3). Approval/Repair of Agenda: Motion to approve the April 13th agenda was made by Aaron Augustian and seconded by Nick Guilette. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4). Approval/Repair of Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the March 9th meeting minutes was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Clark Riemer. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5). Public Comments:

There were 6 members of the public in attendance and 3 public comments including (1) sending a letter to all landowners renting their land to farms regarding liability issues as stated in the DNR workgroups recommendations 5 years ago; (2) requiring signed land contracts, the need to monitor all manure trucks/hauling, leaking manure pits and not allowing any manure on less than 50 feet to bedrock; and (3) needing accountability in the land agreements from renters, issues with landowners not knowing who is spreading on their land and/or what is being spread, and AgroPur permit hearing coming up and requested LWCD and LCC to submit comments regarding this permit and their pollution discharge into the East Twin River.

6. Department Reports:

- a. *Animal Waste Storage Permits:* None
- b. *NR151 Update:* 2021 Walkovers have started
- c. *Conservation Plans for Approval:* (3) Cedar Springs Acres Trust, Paul Novak Trust, Michael Sinkula
- d. *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates (from DNR) – None*
- e. *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance:* In effect, no spreading on 0-20 feet to bedrock from January 1st through April 15th. No violations to date. Spreading may resume on less than 20 feet on April 16th. Committee discussed the process if they would vote to lift the ban early in any calendar year.
- f. *Chapter 39 update:* None
- g. *Well Testing Update:* None
- h. *Zoning / Sanitation Report: March*
 - a. Soil Inspections: 11
 - b. Septic Inspections: 1
 - c. Existing Inspection Reports: 13
 - d. Permit Applications: 10
 - e. House Number: 5
- i. *Action Item/Vote:* Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Area Memorandum of Understanding

Kate Nelson (LWCD) discussed the MOU and the coop of agencies/non-profits involved. This MOU would assist in collaboration and partnerships to address invasive species (both plant and animal) in Kewaunee County.

Motion to approve Davina Bonness (County Conservationist) to sign and enter into the Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Area Memorandum of Understanding was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Clark Riemer. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

7). Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a). USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): N/A
- b). UW-Extension: Aerica discussed
- Hauler applicator meetings were March 11, March 23 and March 29th at a fee for \$10.00. All online and last approximately 3 hours. Approximately 250 people attended all 3 dates; and approximately 20% were from Kewaunee County.
- Badger Crop Connect online meetings: April 14 & April 28 (see Extensions website for details).
- c). Wildlife Services: N/A
- d) Comments from State Legislators:
- e). Other Agency/Organization Reports: Tim Kinnard gave an update on Casco Daycare nitrates. They re-cased their well and the nitrates went down from 12ppm to 10ppm and then ran the water for several days/weeks and got down to a 5ppm nitrates. Mr. Kinnard also talked to the surrounding farms (large and small) on the nitrate issues to see if different practices could be done on surrounding fields to address nitrate issues.

8). Other Matters to Discuss (if needed)

- a) Department Natural Resources (DNR) Workgroup Update: No new updates
- b) Northeast Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) update: No new updates
- c) **DRAFT** LIST OF Actions/Discussion Topics from LCC Public Comment: Committee held a discussion on land rental/liability letters and whether a letter should be sent to all landowners in the County. LCC asked LWCD to get a total number of landowners and a potential cost, as this would need (if approved by LCC) to go to finance committee for final approval and send a copy of Door County's letter they sent to landowners to the LCC for review. Possible vote/action item next month (May).

9). Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: May 11, 2021 @ 8:15am; June 8, 2021 @ 8:15am

10). Chairman's Wrap-Up Comments: Chairman Wagner thanked everyone for attending and the good discussion.

11). Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 am was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Nick Guilette. Motion carried unanimously.