

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office March 9, 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, Aaron Augustian & Clark Riemer

Present: Aerica Bjurstrom-UWEX

Excuse: Nick Guilette

3). **Approval/Repair of Agenda:** Motion to approve the March 9th agenda was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Clark Riemer Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

5). **Public Comments:**

There was 9 members of the public in attendance and 3 public comments including (1) tracking the water bills at the State level and push to get them passed; (2) 5th year of DNR workgroup recommendations and an informational letter to all landowners who rent their land needs to be sent immediately; (3) fees should pay for these letters; (4) Kids Daycare in Casco has a high nitrate problem and is licensed for very young babies who cannot drink the water and they are working with DNR on a well plan but it will be very expensive to drill a new well – asking LCC to look into the nitrate issue specifically in the Village of Casco and (4) lack of testing and we need to find more solutions.

6). **Department Reports:**

a. *Animal Waste Storage Permits:* None

Motion to suspend rules of order and discuss with Randy Ebert his Slaughter house – Butcher Shop project and allow LCC to ask questions was made by Clark Riemer and seconded by Aaron Augustian. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Davina had asked Randy Ebert to attend the LCC meeting to discuss his project and clear up some misinformation that was circling the county.

Randy gave an overview of the Slaughter House/Butcher Shop project being constructed which includes repurposing an existing building on 10th Road. 10-20 animals a week will be going through the facility on either a Wednesday or Thursday; only occurring 1 day a week. An inspector (DATCP) will be onsite the entire butcher day. The blood, hides, inners all will be collected separately and leaving the shop on the same day the butchering occurs by a 3rd party rendering company. No blood, hides or inners will be land applied or added to the manure storage at any time.

In addition to the septic holding tank, there are 3 additional holding tanks that will collect the wash down water, which DATCP requires between 200-300 gallons per animal to be collected. This wash water will be pumped out by a 3rd party sanitation company and brought to an approved treatment plant. At this point in time, none of this wash water will be land applied or stored in the manure storage. If in the future Ebert's decide to put any of this wash water in the manure storage, they will go through the appropriate DNR/LWCD approvals. But again, at this point, nothing will be entering the manure storages or be land applied.

b. *NR151 Update:* Working on sending out the next round of letters for 2021 walkovers

c. *Conservation Plans for Approval:* None

- 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.*
- f. *Chapter 39 update: None*
- g. *Well Testing Update: None*
- h. *Zoning / Sanitation Report: February*
 - a. Soil Inspections: 0
 - b. Septic Inspections: 1
 - c. Existing Inspection Reports: 3
 - d. Permit Applications: 3
 - e. House Number: 1

7). Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a). USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): N/A
- b). UW-Extension: Aerica discussed
 - Midwest Manure Summit is virtual this year on 2/24/2021 (free event)
 - Hauler applicator meetings will be March 11, March 23 and March 29th at a fee for \$10.00. All online and last approximately 3 hours.
- c). Wildlife Services: N/A
- d) Comments from State Legislators: Rep. Kitchens called Chuck last week and several legislators are working on various water bills. Kitchens will keep Chuck up to date on bills in Madison. Staffing grant was increased and added to the preliminary budget, but those numbers could change.
- e). Other Agency/Organization Reports: Glacierland RC&D is going well with 12 employees.

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 updated
- c) **DRAFT** LIST OF Actions/Discussion Topics from LCC Public Comment: Committee discussed well testing and the need for more wells to be tested. The LWCD is waiting for final approval on a well testing grant, but that grant will be pinpointed at specific individuals because it is a research grant and therefore will not be first come-first serve. Letters will be mailed out to individuals selected in July/November.
- D). Casco Nitrates: Tim Kinnard brought up the Casco DayCare nitrate issue as well as the nitrate issue as a whole in the Village of Casco and Township of Casco. Approximately 7.5% of the wells “tested” in Casco are above the 10ppm state limit for nitrates and another 34.7% of tested wells are in the elevated nitrates (2.1-9.9ppm). NR151 is being revised at the state level to include stricter nitrate rules in sandy soils, but will not be done before 2022. Tim Kinnard is going to talk to several of the adjacent farmers to see if they will voluntary reduce nitrates on land application of manure/fertilizer and will look at where the Village spreads their own municipal sludge. Tim Kinnard will

also send the LCC the Casco Daycares well testing results as well as the cost estimate of that business drilling a new well. This nitrate issue will remain a focus of the LCC and Tim will provide an update at the April meeting.

9). Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: April 13, 2021 @ 8:15am; May 11, 2021 @ 8:15am

10). Chairman's Wrap-Up Comments: Thanked everyone in attendance.

11). Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 am was made by Aaron Augustian and seconded by Clark Riemer. Motion carried unanimously.