

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office May 14, 2024 @ 7:45 am
Minutes**

1). **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:45 am by Chairman Aaron Augustian

2). **Roll Call:** Committee Members present: Aaron Augustian, Derek Ducat, Kim Kroll, Nick Guilette & Tim Kinnard

Also, in attendance: Milt Swagel & Brian Patricia – County Board Supervisors; Jeremy Kral - County Administrator; Dave Depeau – Corporation Counsel; Tracy Nollenberg - Emergency Management; Aerica/Chris – UW-Extension

3). **Approval/Repair of Agenda:** Motion to approve the May 14, 2024 agenda was made by Kim Kroll and seconded by Tim Kinnard. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4). **Approval/Repair of Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the April 2, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Nick Guilette. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5). **Public Comments:** There were 7 members of the public in attendance and 2 public comments. (1) status quo and same committee as before; (2) Chairman Augustian needs to apologize; (3) unstaffed LWCD; (4) Why is the Village of Casco continuing to sell lots to families with known contamination in the area.

6). **Department Reports:**

- a) Animal Waste Storage Permits: none
- b) Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers: April 2024

6 walkovers were completed for an approximate total of 601 acres. Compliance Schedules – 3 Recommendation to install GWW (Gully Erosion), perennial vegetation or other approved method to address Ephemeral Erosion. Some areas missing the (5) ft tillage setbacks were also identified. Full Compliance- 3

Nutrient Management Farmer Education: 43 Nutrient Plans have been completed covering a total of 9,952 acre; 2 previous participants have not yet completed their plans. Total acres will be 10,359 acres. LWCD is looking to team up with Farmers to do an Educational Seminar to provide hands on training on Nutrient Management and Depth to Bedrock Verification and Mapping Restrictions. TO BE DETERMINED

Standards Oversight Committee (SOC) - NRCS 590 Standard Update: SOC Committee is updating the 2019 Wisconsin NRCS 590 Nutrient Management Standard to bring the existing Standard into compliance with the new required format. The "New" 2019 590 looks to address and update current language/terms, setbacks, criteria for nutrient applications, existing NRCS Practices and Standards, while ensuring all of the 2019 National 590 prerequisites are accounted for. Team consists of County Staff, DATCP, NRCS, Private Consultants and UW Staff and Professors. Currently no language, edits or updates have been finalized or are ready for public review. Anticipated Initial Review is set for early 2025. All comments and questions can be made on the Wisconsin Standards Oversight Council Website.

- c) Conservation Plans for Approval: 5 – New Plans – VanDrisse, Destree, Charles, Schultz; Updated Plans – DuCat.
- d) Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance: n/a
- e) Chapter 39 Update "Agricultural Standards & Prohibitions": none
- f) Sanitation Report –

April 2024:

Soil inspections – 3
Septic inspections – 3
House numbers – 4
Septic Permits – 2
Existing Inspection Report – 2

- g) Well Testing Update – Received 14 donations for a total of \$6456.00. We tested 106 wells (offered for \$30.00/well – regular price \$70.00/well). Working on grants with DNR/EPA for October testing.

Working on past month:

- Floodplain Ordinance
- Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (update – will be coming to LCC in June – hopefully)
- Mapping Nutrient Management Plans into GIS
- Survey/Design work for conservation practices (TRM/SWRM grants)

7). Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a). USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): N/A
- b). UW-Extension: Chris and Aerica gave an update regarding Pest Management Training, Badger Crop Trainings; Applicator trainings and different forage projects including bug trapping and community gardens.
- c). Wildlife Damage USDA: N/A
- d). Comments from State Legislators: N/A
- e). Other Agency/Organization Reports: N/A

8). Other Matters to Discuss (if needed):

1. Conservation Update:

Demo Farms and PPF holding different field days with minimal or low disturbance manure applications as well as Conservation Conversation Days. Going to continue this update to show what is going on in the County.

Davina reported for 2023 Nutrient Management Acres were 112,322 = 86% cropland in Kewaunee County and reported how cover crop and No Till acres are substantially increasing.

Kewaunee Cty	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cover Crops	4579.1	6038.2	5330	6839.8	8357.3	8386.3	11420.4
NT Acres	10409.8	11242	13263.8	12281.8	18863.5	21009.8	23357.7

9). Action Item: Approve/send to County Board the Floodplain Ordinance.

Discussion was held on the purpose of updating the Floodplain Ordinance – due to state and federal government new FEMA maps and our deadline is end of August to update our ordinance to continue to qualify for state flooding aid.

Motion to approve ordinance with including the line “This Ordinance coordinates with Kewaunee County Hazard Mitigation Plan” and forward to County Board for approval was made by Kim Kroll seconded by Nick Guilette. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

9). Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings:

- June 11 – **start time of 7:30am** (moving this meeting earlier due to the conference rooms being booked)
- July 16th – 8:15am
- August 6th – 8:15am

10). Chairman’s Wrap-Up Comments: n/a

11). Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 am was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Nick Guilette. Motion carried unanimously.