

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office May 9, 2023 @ 8:15 am
Minutes**

1). Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:15 am by Chairman Aaron Augustian

2). Roll Call: Committee Members present: Aaron Augustian, Tim Kinnard; Derek Ducat, Nick Guilette

Also, in attendance: Milt Swagel (County Board Supervisor) & Aerica Bjurstrom (UWEX)

Excused: Kim Kroll

3). Approval/Repair of Agenda: Motion to approve the May 9, 2023 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 April 12, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Nick Guilette and seconded by Tim Kinnard. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5). Public Comments: There were 5 members of the public in attendance and 4 public comments.

(1) Request for Tucker Burch to present in Kewaunee County; (2) Baudhuin Dairy spreading on saturated soils and wetlands impacted on a weekend; (3) County should request land contracts for accountability and especially absentee landowners; (4) Request for LWCD to present programs to all citizens about how to use the land; (5) 28 acres were spread on with 86 tankers and state and locals should be enforcing this; (6) Request of an update on any goals/timeline outlined in the Ahnapee River 9 key element plan; (7) Request to know an action plan about PFAS in the Algoma harbor; (8) advocating regenerative agriculture workshops.

6). Department Reports:

- a. *Animal Waste Storage Permits: April – 1 Waste Transfer Line to Existing Storage (Pagels Ponderosa at Hilltop site).*
- b. NR151 Update: Walkovers have started in late April. Next month will give an update.
- c. *Conservation Plans for Approval: None*
- d. *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance: N/A*
- e. Chapter 39 update: Waiting on DNR report on runoff that impacted wetlands from Baudhuin Dairy spill; then will determine citation.
- f. *Well Testing Update:* Funding for another 300 wells in July and October was received by Coastal Management
- g. *Zoning / Sanitation Report: April*
 - a. Soil Inspections: 12
 - b. Septic Inspections: 5
 - c. Existing Inspection Reports: 3
 - d. Permit Applications: 9

Other: Entered 208 nutrient management plans into ArcGIS so far (usually get around 272 in the office) and new to this year, we are entering the tillage with cover crops to determine acres of each on the ground; working on completing our 5-year review of LWRMP which Davina will present to DATCP in June; working on the rough draft of Kewaunee River – 9 key element plan; and were very busy with tax season and getting everyone their compliance numbers (who call in). For Septic, 8 soil tests done and failed (from the enforcement letters that went out in March and were given a new deadline for replacement and 7 are not in use and our office is getting updated letters from the landowners signing off they are not occupied.

7). Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a). USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): N/A
- b). UW-Extension: Aerica reported on the online Budget Crop Report Connection; new person hired for crops for the area; and copper study results should hopefully be out by August.
- c). Wildlife Services: N/A
- d) Comments from State Legislators: N/A
- e). Other Agency/Organization Reports:

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

- a) Village of Casco Nitrates next steps: Davina will talk to Cindy at Public Health to determine if we have funding to test 20 wells for sweeteners/caffeine (human) and herbicides (bovine). Dragun testing only identified human or animal waste and we need to determine exact cause. Tim will find 20 people who are willing to take a second sample along with the free testing in July. After that, a groundwater model will need to be developed (by outside firm) and LWCD can help them, but can't do that work.
- b) Complaints called into LWCD: Friday at 9:30am, LWCD received a complaint on Augustian Farms about spreading while raining. LWCD called Augustian Farms and they were NOT spreading, but setting up equipment to spread when the weather allowed. Aaron asked if you call in to the office, please leave a name/number so LWCD can call back and explain our findings (name will still remain anonymous to complainant)
- c) Tucker Burch: quick question was asked whether Tucker Burch should present in county.

9). Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: Tuesday, June 13th @ 8:15am; Tuesday, July 18th @ 8:15am

10). Chairman's Wrap-Up Comments: None

11). Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 am was made by Nick Guilette and seconded by Tim Kinnard. Motion carried unanimously.