

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office November 7, 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, Nick Guilette, Derek Ducat, Kim Kroll & Tim Kinnard

Excused:

Also, in attendance: Milt Swagel (County Board Supervisor); Chris (UW-Extension); Brian Maedtke (Wildlife Services)

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

4). Approval/Repair of Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the November 7, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Kim Kroll and seconded by Nick Guilette. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5). Public Comments: There were 2 members of the public in attendance and 1 written public comment that included (1) request for Tucker Burch to present research in Kewaunee County and waiting for an answer regarding this request; (2) a request that Tucker Burch be placed on December's agenda as an open discussion item; and (3) Chair Augustian should acknowledge mistake and apologize.

6). Department Reports:

a. *Animal Waste Storage Permits: None*

b. NR151 Update: **October 2023**

Farmland Preservation Walkovers

- 13 walkovers have been completed for an approximate total of 1,627 acres were walked.

Compliance Schedules – 5

Recommendation to install Clean water diversions, Process Wastewater collection, possible M/S, GWW (Gully Erosion), MS Abandonment and 5 ft tillage setbacks not met

Full Compliance- 8

NONC- Non FPP Members Update- 2 Letters sent-

- Failure to provide NMP Update- no response to calls

Manure Hauling Audits- 5

- 10/4/23 - All setbacks met, rate in compliance with NMP
- 10/4/23 - All setbacks met, rate in compliance with NMP
- 10/13/23 - Well setback not met, no apparent signs of manure laden runoff, rate in compliance with NMP
- 10/24/23 - All setbacks met, no apparent signs of manure laden runoff, rate in compliance with NMP/ reduced due to expected rainfall prior to inspection
- 10/24/23 - All setbacks met, no apparent signs of manure laden runoff and tile outlets not flowing or flowing with clear water, rate in compliance with NMP/ reduced due to expected rainfall prior to inspection

NMFE

2024 NMFE Grant application status accepted and full amount awarded- letters to be mailed to past participants and others who have inquired.

SOC- NRCS 590 Standard Update- First meeting attended and information can be found on their website.

- c. *Conservation Plans for Approval: None*
- d. *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance: N/A*
- e. *Chapter 39 update:*

Notifications of Pending Citations- 3 (Notification Letters Sent)

- Kinnard Farms INC –Well Setback not met and Spreading within Setbacks to Surface Waters
- SRNKA Farms LLC- Well Setback not met

f. *Well Testing Update:*

October well testing update: 274 different samples – only 1 ecoli hit. Our office has not received any nitrate data back yet. One question from the LCC – Why a second bottle this year? The second bottle is being used for bacteria testing for quality control. The bottles use to be disinfected at the UW-Lab, but now they receive pre-sanitized bottles that are sealed. They are hoping this reduces the number of false-positive bacteria hits. The tests that are run are exactly the same and are still all being done at the UW-Stevens Point Lab.

g. *Zoning / Sanitation Report: September*

- a. Soil Inspections: 5
- b. Septic Inspections: 6
- c. Existing Inspection Reports: 0
- d. Permit Applications: 4
- e. House numbers: 2

7). Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a). USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): N/A
- b). UW-Extension: Chris handed out an updated “Fast Facts on Nutrient Management” brochure and a “Karst” brochure (both are available through UW-Ex)
 - Discovery Farms (Dec 7-8th) Cover Crop Conference (WI. Dells)
 - Badger Agronomy Meetings in November 2023
- c). Wildlife Services: Brian Maedke
 - i. WDACP 2023 90% harvest cutoff date.

Motion to approve December 1, 2023 as the 90% harvest cutoff date as recommended by Brian Maedtkke was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Nick Guilette. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

d) Comments from State Legislators: N/A

e). Other Agency/Organization Reports:

FSA update: 11/15 – fall crop reporting due date.

9). Other Matters to Discuss (if needed): None

10). Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: December 12th at 8:15am; January 17th (2024) at 5:00pm

11). Chairman’s Wrap-Up Comments: None

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