

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office October 11, 2022 @ 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, Kim Kroll, Tim Kinnard
Excused: Rick Paye (FSA)

Also, in attendance: Brian Maedtke (USDA); Aerica Bjurstrom (UWEX); County Administrator Scott Feldt

3). Approval/Repair of Agenda: Motion to approve the October 11, 2022 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 September 13, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Nick Guilette. seconded by Tim Kinnard. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5). Public Comments:

There were 2 members of the public in attendance and 2 public comments: (1) A request for night meetings (not every month, but to allow those who work full time the opportunity to attend); (2) thanking LCC members for attending the August well testing result meeting and their discussions with state legislators; (3) Chairman Augustian read Sue Weisser's comments submitted via email regarding staffing and a decrease in the LWCD budget.

6). Department Reports:

a. *Animal Waste Storage Permits:* Dart & Walechka (MS Abandonment – Paul did both construction designs) & Pagels Ponderosa (Heifer site – Modification to existing transfer pipe); Paul also designed & construction started on Steinhorst leachate collection.

b. NR151 Update: September

Travis conducted 6 walkovers have been completed for a total of 880 acres were walked and another 7 walkovers started (rest in corn) - 1000 acres walked

Compliance Schedules: None – all 6 were in full compliance

Field Visits/ Letters sent-

- (1) Barnyard runoff- not in FPP, no NMP and seems to be connected to tile
 - o No response to letter, next step is to offer of cost-share/ enforcement
- (1) Gully erosion in field
 - o Drains to Lake Michigan in Algoma- No response to letter, not in FPP
 - o Next step letter of cost share/ enforcement
- (1) Spreading on less than 2 ft- daily haul, approx. 2 spreaders of solids
 - o Letter sent notifying NMP and Depth to Bedrock Verification is needed prior to any additional Nutrient Applications (No response)

Depth to Bedrock Verification

- (2) Fields - 40 acres at 100 ft grid

Complaints-

- (1) Trucks running non-stop- Multiple fields near complainant's home received Fall application (applications were all according to NMP and no runoff observed).

Spill- (1) Transfer Line blew top while cleaning out line. No impact to Waters of the State, contained to Facility and clean up/ collection completed

Nutrient Management Farmer Education- 1 New Plan- completed

Grass Waterways- 1 pre-permit

Other:

- Working with Kevin Erb (UW-Extension) on Utility Easements. CAFO W soils require 2ft hole to verify depth to GW, this technically requires Diggers Hotline to verify a Utilities. Recent Utilities (broke fiber optic cable) impacted during this process.
 - Compost- DATCP project to determine pathogen reduction throughout the process of Composting
 - Submitted grant with Glacierland RC&D – 3-year Phragmites control
 - Submitting 2023 Coastal Management Grant
- c. *Conservation Plans for Approval: None*
- d. *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates (from DNR):* Have not been recording these NON/NOD/NOV because they are through the DNR.
- e. *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance: N/A*
- f. Chapter 39 update: 2022 update: No new citations in September (10 total for 2022)
- g. *Well Testing Update:* Next well testing October 24th. Registration is OPEN! 125 Spots still available.
- h. *Zoning / Sanitation Report: September*
- a. Soil Inspections: 7
 - b. Septic Inspections: 8
 - c. Existing Inspection Reports: 1
 - d. Permit Applications: 6

7). Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a). USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): N/A
- b). UW-Extension: Aerica gave the following information:
- Clean Sweep: Luxemburg Fairgrounds, October 22 (pre-register)
 - Badger Crop Connect - One session left for 2022, registration can be found at <https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAKcO-hqjktE9GuH8Mli1-1oXIKPs7AHfPN>
 - Badger Crop Connect and Badger Dairy Insight meetings will start back in January 2023.
 - Manure Applicator's 101 Training will take place in February at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds
 - Pesticide Applicator Training, Kewaunee County Fairgrounds, February 15, 2023
 - Midwest Manure Summit, February 28, Lambeau Field. <https://dairy.extension.wisc.edu/events/midwest-manure-summit/>
- c). Wildlife Services: Brian Maedtke
1. A motion was made by Tim Kinnard to approve the preliminary 2023 budget as presented by Brian Maedtke, seconded by Kim Kroll. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
 2. A motion was made by Kim Kroll to approve the 2022 crop prices as presented by Brian Maedtke, seconded by Nick Guilette. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
 3. A motion was made by Nick Guilette to approve Kewaunee County's 2023 Deer donation participation as presented by Brian Maedtke, seconded by Tim Kinnard. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

d) Comments from State Legislators: N/A

e). Other Agency/Organization Reports: N/A

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

a). DNR now accepting applications for ARPA Well Compensation (new lower requirements). Davina will post the information from the DNR on the LWCD website.

b). November 2022 LCC meeting – add discussion of night meetings to the agenda for discussion

c). Questions regarding staffing: Davina replied that the joint decision was made not to fill the vacant staffing positions, therefore, moving forward, our office has prioritized and reorganized workloads and will seek an intern for the summer months to assist in our busy season. LWCD will reach out to the colleges/high schools in the winter months for potential intern candidates.

d). Davina gave an update to the Village of Casco nitrate issue. A push to test as many wells in the Village is under way for October, and then we will use to the data with Dragun and UW-Stevens Point to determine next steps.

e). Decrease in the LWCD budget was due to change in raises for entire county, set by the executive committee.

9). Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: November 8th @ 8:15am; December 13, 2022 @ 8:15am

10). Chairman's Wrap-Up Comments: Thanked everyone and asked for everyone's assistance is filling the remaining 125 spots for well testing.

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