

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office September 13, 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 & Rick Paye (FSA)

Also, in attendance: Brian Maedtke (USDA); Aerica Bjurstrom (UWEX)

3). **Approval/Repair of Agenda:** Motion to approve the September 13, 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 July 12, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Tim Kinnard seconded by Rick Paye. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5). Public Comments:

There were 6 members of the public in attendance and 3 public comments: (1) fall tillage in Kewaunee County and the need for it to stop; (2) lack of information given in the LCC meetings; (3) Open Records Request for an updated spills spreadsheet; (4) new invasive grass identified in Door County; (5) staffing levels; (6) written rental agreements should be required; (7) a presentation should be done in Kewaunee County regarding the groundwater; (8) misleading information on digesters.

6). Department Reports:

a. *Animal Waste Storage Permits:*

- a. Paul finished designs for Baudhuins and M. Steinhorst (Leachate collection) and 4 manure storage abandonment plans.
- b. No new permits in July/August

b. NR151 Update: Travis: July/ August 2022 Update

17 walkovers have been completed for a total of 2420 acres were walked and another 7 walkovers started (rest in corn) - 1460 acres walked

Compliance Schedules – 4 - issues were DNR Streams missing the 5ft minimum tillage setback, erosion in fields and GWW repair, Manure Storage Abandonment Recommendation; one needs a full facility (MS, BY, Gutters, Feed Storage, GWW and diversions)

Full Compliance- 13

Additional Field Visits

- (4) Tile outlets/ maps

- (8) Drainage/ GWW- DNR permits needed maps/ questions

- (1) Composting question/site review

- Complaints

- (1) Manure spill on road: farm cleaned road with skid steer broom; flushed and vacuumed roadway
- (2) Spreading on field (Second application in 2 weeks): hauling met recommended rates in NMP, no runoff
- (3) Manure spill on road: liquid was dry
- (4) Manure being applied, smells and looks like over application (surface application): Surface application met NMP rates

(5) Well Setbacks: multiple wells had missed setbacks- DNR Updated Maps/ Old Maps have conflicting Data-working with DATCP/DNR

- (2) Spills - Both equipment malfunctions - no manure entered Waters of the State- both vacuumed

- Audits

- 1- Complaint driven- Kewaunee County Sheriff on site, all 6 tiles running clear, no manure left field boundaries, met all setbacks, split application 7k per ac. Complaint stated manure running in creek, ditches, roadway
- 2- Spill Response- all setbacks met, hose blew during clean out- manure traveled into wooded gully where it was contained and collected. No manure entered Waters of the State
- 3- Unannounced inspection- Gww/Int/gullies Stream applied though- Will result in Forfeiture (Farm) and Written Warning for Hauler (Mapped incorrectly)
- 4- Unannounced inspection- shallow bedrock area looked to have received manure application- Farm Forfeiture

Nutrient Management Farmer Education:

- 2 new plans written; 1 plan updated
- Filed for Reimbursement
- 2023 NMFE Signup will be mailed out in November

- c. *Conservation Plans for Approval: Jason Walechka (updated FPP)*
- 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: 10 citations so far; Seidl, Stodola Ag, Rolling Hills (2), Srnka (2), Wakker, Elna, DeJardin, Debroux (not all of the citations been delivered yet).
- g. *Well Testing Update:* Next well testing October 24th. Registration will be open to the public beginning of October. Open now to Casco residents and those that have received letters in the mail.
- h. *Zoning / Sanitation Report: July & August*
 - a. Soil Inspections: 4
 - b. Septic Inspections: 21
 - c. Existing Inspection Reports: 10
 - d. Permit Applications: 48
 - e. House Number: 2

Tim Kinnard brought up staffing in the office and the ideas of summer interns. Davina will look into this for next year's summer season.

7). Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a). USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): N/A
- b). UW-Extension: Aerica gave the following information: Corn Dry Down: Pick-up collection at Door County Co-Op September 14; Corn Dry Down event at Rio Creek Feed Mill September 15 9 AM - Noon
Badger Crop Connect: Every week Wednesday 11:30 - noon starting September 14 and running through October 26
Clean Sweep: Hillside Highway Shop, October 22
- c). Wildlife Services: Brian Maedtkke gave a brief overview of the Wildlife Abatement program to the Committee since there are new members.
- d) Comments from State Legislators: N/A

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

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

a). Nitrates in the Village of Casco: Continuing talks with both UWSP (Kevin Masarek) & Dragon Company to determine next steps in testing and determining where nitrates are coming from. We are signing up as many Casco residents in the October testing and then following the results, hold another conference call with Masarek & Dragon to determine next steps.

b). Remote Work Options: Davina gave an overview to the LCC of what working remotely at home looked like in the LWCD office. Aaron & Kim gave an overview of the discussions happening at the Executive Committee and Corp Counsel will be working on some language. Further discussions will be held at the Executive Committee meetings.

9). Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: October 11th @ 8:15am, November 8th @ 8:15am

10). Chairman's Wrap-Up Comments: N/A

11). Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting 9:14 am was made by Nick Guilette and seconded by Kim Kroll., Motion carried unanimously.