

**Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office October 13th, 2020 8:15 AM
Minutes**

1). Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:15 AM by Chairman Charles Wagner

2). Roll Call: Committee Members present: Charles Wagner, Tim Kinnard, Nick Guilette & Clark Riemer

Excused Absence: Aaron Augustian

Present: UW-Extension Aerica Bjurstrom; County Board Member Kim Kroll

3). Approval/Repair of Agenda: Motion to approve the October 13th, 2020 agenda with the change of moving 7c to 4a was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Clark Riemer. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4). Approval/Repair of Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the September 8th, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Nick Guilette. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4a). USDA APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) Wildlife Services:

- i. 2021 WDACP preliminary budget. Motion to Approve the 2021 WDACP preliminary budget and give permission for Charles Wagner (LCC Chair) to sign was made by Clark Riemer and seconded by Nick Guilette Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- ii. 2020 WDACP crop prices. Motion to set the 2020 WDACP crop prices as discussed with the changes of increasing corn to \$3.75 and Soybeans to \$9.55 was made by Clark Riemer and seconded by Tim Kinnard. Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- iii. 2021 Deer Donation participation. Motion to approve the 2021 Deer Donation participation was made by Tim Kinnard 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 no public comments.

6. Department Reports:

a. *Animal Waste Storage Permits:* None

Farmland Preservation/Standards and Prohibitions Walkovers: September update

Total 12 landowners walked for a total of 1,915 acres walked. Full Compliance- 10; Compliance Schedules – 2
Issues were comprised of gully erosion, tillage setbacks, roof gutters and recommendations to close manure storage.

Soil Depth Verification via soil probe/ GPS -- 50 acres 62 probes

Nutrient Management Farmer Education: 1 plan written for 80 acres

Manure Hauling Audits

2 Audits, both complaint driven. No issues found

- Rates were within NMP parameters, all setbacks met, no manure leaving site

b. *Conservation Plans for Approval:* None

c. *Notice of Non-Compliance Updates (from DNR) – None*

- d. *Public Health & Groundwater Protection Ordinance: N/A*
- e. *Chapter 39 update: Srnka Farms paid their citations; no new citations for September*
- f. *Well Testing Update: November 10, 2020 (Registration is open).*
- g. *Zoning / Sanitation Report: September*
 - a. Soil Inspections: 5
 - b. Septic Inspections: 24
 - c. Existing Inspection Reports: 4
 - d. Permit Applications: 4
 - e. House Number: 2
- h. *Invasive Species Update: Kate Nelson (LWCD) discussed:*

GLRI GRANT: was awarded back in 2017 to Bay-Lake RPC included two years of treatments in Kewaunee County in 2018 and 2019. The overall project total was 969 acres treated.

Additional money allowed Cardno to begin treatments towards the later end of June 2020 for Wild Parsnip and 11 acres were successfully treated. Phragmites treatments began the last week of August 2020 and will wrap up at the end of this week. To date, Cardno has successfully treated 232 acres of phragmites within Kewaunee County. And, a total of 1.5 acres of Japanese knotweed were also treated during the last week of September.

INVASIVE SPECIES MGMT PLAN: A Wisconsin Coastal Mgmt grant was awarded to the LWCD to develop an Invasive Species Mgmt plan for the county. The mgmt. plan is in its final stages and will be presented to the board by December.

CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER: The Kewaunee County Land & Water Conservation Department has partnered with Glacierland Resource Conservation & Development to establish the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) program within the County, while selecting East Alaska Lake & Shea's Lake as priority areas. In addition, the Tri-Lakes Association was generous in providing the grant match for this program. This state program has been around since 2004, and the DNR is seeing positive results in reducing the spread of aquatic invasive species. We wanted Kewaunee County to be part of those efforts. This past summer, boat inspector Sloan Wunder talked with anglers about prevention steps they can take to stop invasive species from spreading between water bodies, performed boat and trailer checks for invasive species, as well as distributed information and reported any new water body infestations.

The **Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Area (LISMA)** is a broad-based coalition that promotes efficient and effective management of invasive plant and animal species throughout a four county region including Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Calumet, and Fond du Lac. LISMA provides the opportunity for partners to share and leverage limited resources, raise awareness about invasive species problems, and collaboratively reduce the impact of invasive species on both public and private lands. Currently a strategic plan is being developed and Kewaunee County is tentatively planning on continuing this partnership.

7). Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a). *USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): N/A*
- b). *UW-Extension: Aerica gave an update on the 2 corn dry down days; October 22nd starts a series of 4 webinars (one a month) regarding Dairy Nutrition, how to Feed what you Harvested (contact UW-Extension for more information) and that Door & Manitowoc Counties still have vacancies in their offices.*
- d). *Comments from State Legislators: N/A*
- e). *Other Agency/Organization Reports: N/A*

8). Other Matters to Discuss (if needed)

- a) *Department Natural Resources (DNR) Workgroup Update: No new updates*

- b) Northeast Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) update: Fourth and final webinar was Thursday, September 24, 2020 –Watershed Model Setup.
- c) **DRAFT** LIST OF Actions/Discussion Topics from LCC Public Comment

Discussion was held on:

#1 - Water Quality Task Force Resolution supporting all recommendations (Vos workgroup) – Done, see 8d

#4 - Chapter 38 Hauler Ordinance – Davina reported that 88% of the farms who land applied liquid manure provided manure hauling records in 2019. 2020 percentage will be provided in January 2021. The LCC discussed that if this percentage would decrease to 75%, then they will discuss the need for an Ordinance, but at this time, voluntary compliance is working. The LWCD also reported that those who are submitting records is increasing and facilitating new conversations with farms that we haven't worked with in the past, which is another positive.

#5 - Increase Variance Fees & #6 - Increase Violation fees -- LCC discussed that variance fees and/or violation fees will be reviewed annually in August/September to coordinate with the budget.

#10 - Implement a Moratorium on cows & #12 - Reduce herds -- LCC discussed that it is not their position to dictate number of cows on a farm, but that number will be controlled by the economy, a farm's land base and nutrient management plans. UW-Extension reported Kewaunee County fell to 117 herds in 2019-2020 (down from 160 herds in 2017 as reported in the Land & Water Plan). Also, citations with NR151 violations will assist on making sure nutrients are being applied correctly.

#11 - Increase cover crops & no-till – Already in place and will continue to push in the County: NRCS, Demo Farms, Peninsula Pride farms as well as LWCD has been encouraging these practices.

Discussion for November LCC Meeting

#1 - Regenerative Agriculture

#3 - Resolution to Governor Evers requesting fast tracking of DNR halting herd expansions on CAFOs and changing administrative rules for a higher capacity of storages

#7 - Implement County CAFO fees

#8 - Require land rental leases / letters

#9 - Implement a Spill Response Fee

- d) Action Item & Vote: Resolution Requesting that the State Senate convene to Address 13 “Water Bills” Passed by the State Assembly.

Motion to support the Resolution “Requesting that the State Senate convene to Address 13 “Water Bills” Passed by the State Assembly” and send to Full County Board for vote was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Clark Riemer. Committee vote was 3:1 in favor of the motion. Nick Guilette supports this resolution, but voted no because he would like to see the 13 bills.

9). Scheduling of Future Committee Meetings: November 10th @ 8:15am; December 8th @ 8:15am.

10). Chairman’s Wrap-Up Comments: Chairman Wagner gave a few updated on Woodland Owners Association and the Peninsula Pride newsletter.

11). Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am was made by Nick Guilette and seconded by Tim Kinnard. Motion carried unanimously.