



## LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE August 14, 2014 - MINUTES

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman Michael Stoddard at 7:30AM on August 14, 2014 in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Michael Stoddard, Chair  
David Richter  
Maureen Schweder  
Arnold Dahlke, Jr., FSA Member

Staff Present: Paul Gunderson

Others Present: Heidi Weishaar  
Harley Reabe  
Tony Daley, Berlin Journal  
Charlie Marks

### **AGENDA**

***Motion/second (Richter/Dahlke)*** to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Richter/Dahlke)*** to approve and file the July 10, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

### **APPEARANCES :**

Gunderson gave a report for Caleb Zahn of NRCS regarding his remaining signups for EQIP FY14 and 2014 NWQI. The approximate total amount of financial assistance for these 22 new contracts is just over \$370,000.00. NRCS in partnership with LCD also looks forward to completing several EQIP contracted construction projects in the weeks to come.

### **WEED HARVESTER:**

Charlie Marks presented information and reason behind the purchase of a second weed harvester for Big Green Lake. By increasing the removal of lake weeds and algae, relief is provided to boaters and swimmers along with hundreds of pounds of phosphorus eliminated. Marks asked for a donation towards the harvester as a fellow partner with Green Lake LCD on Best Management Practices (BMPs) which are aimed at reducing phosphorus from making its way from the farmland to the lake.

***Motion/second (Richter/Schweder)*** to grant Sanitary District \$5,000 toward weed harvester. Motion carried.

### **MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS**

Written report was reviewed.

### **LAKE AND RIVER REPORT**

Written report was reviewed.

**DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS** - none

**LANDOWNER CONSERVATION PLANS** – none

**CLEAN SWEEP:**

Discussion held about 193 total participants and how things went overall. Gunderson discussed the success of 1,400 tires being collected. Medications will not be collected next year due to the drop box installed in the County building this year providing year round availability for disposal.

**RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT LETTER (RC&D):**

A letter was drafted for approval to switch from the Town & Country RC&D to the Golden Sands RC&D as their area better services Green Lake County's rural location.

***Motion/second (Richter/Schweder)*** to approve the letter to Town & Country RC&D to switch from them to Golden Sands RC&D. Motion carried.

**VEHICLE PURCHASE:**

A Ford Explorer, a Jeep Grand Cherokee, and a Dodge Durango were presented to the committee for discussion and comparison. Gunderson pointed out that while all of the vehicles are suitable, local servicing would make the Ford Explorer the best option.

***Motion/second (Richter/Stoddard)*** to approve the purchase of a Ford Explorer up to \$27,000. Motion carried.

**ANIMAL WASTE STORAGE PERMIT APPROVAL:**

***Motion/second (Schweder/Richter)*** to approve manure pit for Hilltop Dairy. Motion carried.

**VOUCHERS**

***Motion/second (Dahlke/Richter)*** to approve vouchers totaling \$13,425.32 as presented. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – none

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- Future Meeting Dates: **September 11, 2014, 7:30 AM** in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake
- Future Agenda items for actions & discussion
  - Animal Waste Storage Ordinance to be reviewed and revised.

**ADJOURN**

***Motion/second (Richter/Schweder)*** to adjourn at 8:26 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar  
Recorder