

**Ashland County Land Conservation Committee**  
**September 19, 2014**  
**Tim and Rebecca Mika Farm**

Minutes  
Approved  
10-17-14

**Present:**

George Mika	Tom Fratt	Gary Haughn (NRCS)
Jim Oakley	Mike Pero	Julie Zolondek (NRCS)
Ken Lindquist	Dave Schultz	
Caryl Peck	Todd Norwood	
Joe Rose	Tim Mika	
Gerry Richardson		
Charlie Ortman		

**Excused:** None

**Call to order:** by Ken Lindquist @ 9:38 AM. The meeting had been properly noticed and a quorum was present.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of 7-25-14 by Richardson/Ortman MC.

**Public Comments:** N/A

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Farmland Preservation Program Agreement approval - Action**

- Fratt mentioned landowner completed application for Farmland Preservation. If approved by LCC, application will be sent on to DATCP.
- Motion to approve Farmland Preservation application by Oakley/Ortman - MC

**2. Wildlife Damage Program 2015 proposed budget, 90% crop harvest deadline, and deer donation program - 3 action items**

- Schultz provided update on Ashland County share of proposed budget.
  - Motion to approve budget as submitted by Ortman/Oakley - MC
- Schultz provided update on 90% crop harvest deadline of November 10.
  - Motion to approve crop harvest deadline by Richardson/Ortman - MC
- Schultz provided update on deer donation program.
  - Motion to participate in deer donation program by Ortman/Richardson - MC

**3. Ashland County LWCD 2015 budget - Information/Action**

- Fratt provided update on the LWCD 2015 budget.
  - Motion to approve budget submission by Ortman/Oakley - MC

**4. Agricultural Herbicide and Pesticide Use - Discussion**

- General discussion on herbicide/pesticide use at the local and national scale.
- Concerns raised for pollinators on up the food chain.
- Keep discussion on agenda - research other county examples.

**5. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) in the region - Discussion**

- General discussion of possible CAFO's in Ashland and surrounding counties.

- Keep discussion on agenda with possible ordinance development.

#### **6. Metallic Mining in Ashland County - Discussion**

- General discussion of mining developments.
- Mining at a possible standstill, at least temporarily.

#### **7. Conservationist Report**

- Fratt provided summary.
  - LWCB approved 5 year extension of the Ashland County LWCD Management Plan
- Proposed DATCP funding changes discussed.

#### **8. Engineering Technician Report**

- Pero provided report of current projects.
  - **Motion to carry two projects over to next year and have Pero/Fratt determine how remaining cost-share funds are spent by Richardson/Ortman - MC**

#### **9. Wildlife Damage Specialist Report**

- Schultz provided update.

#### **10. Grazing Specialist Report**

- T Mika provided update.

#### **11. AIS Coordinator Report**

- Norwood provided update.

#### **12. Agency and Partner Reports**

- Haughn provided update.

#### **Other Business**

- Conservation tour cancelled in Polk County.

**Approval of Bills:** A summary list of bills submitted for payment since the previous LCC meeting was handed out.

- **Motion to approve the bills by Richardson/Ortman - MC.**

**Next meeting date:** Friday, October 17, 2014 @ 9:30am

**Adjourn:** 12:09pm by Chairman Mika