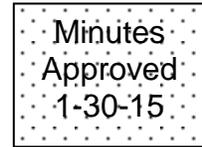


**Ashland County Land Conservation Committee**  
**December 12, 2014**  
**Ashland Co LWCD Conference Room**



**Present:**

George Mika	Tom Fratt
Jim Oakley	Mike Pero
Ken Lindquist	Todd Norwood
Joe Rose	Tim Mika
Gerry Richardson	Pete Russo (County Board Chair)
Charlie Ortman	
Caryl Peck (10:00)	

**Call to order:** by George Mika @ 9:32 AM. The meeting had been properly noticed and a quorum was present.

**Minutes:** **Motion to approve minutes of 10-17-14 by Lindquist/Richardson - MC.**

**Public Comments:** General mining discussion.

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Countywide Farmland Preservation Plan Revision - Discussion**

- Fratt gave update on FPP including grant funding/match requirements, and timeline
- Requested DATCP extension through 2016 for existing FPP along with the application for a DATCP FPP grant

**2. Agricultural Ordinance - Discussion**

- Fratt explained possible options for livestock siting ordinance through zoning or licensing
- Separate manure storage ordinance may be needed to better address issues at farms with less than 500 animal units
- **Motion to initiate research into livestock siting and manure storage ordinances with the intent to adopt in upcoming months by Ortman/Oakley – MC**

**3. DATCP Nutrient Management Cost-Share Transfer - Discussion**

- Fratt mentioned completed NMP contracts for this year
- Remaining NMP cost-share funding was transferred to Vernon County
- Next year's NMP funding is down from \$28,000 to \$16,800 (600 acres).

**4. DATCP Project Extension Request - Action**

- **Motion allowing Fratt to sign project extension requests to carry projects over from 2014 to 2015 by Richardson/Ortman - MC**

**5. LWCD Grant Application Status - Discussion**

- Fratt gave update on recent grant applications (WCMP & DATCP for FPP, DNR AIS, Galilee Lake Association)

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

- Fratt and Ortman gave updates

- General discussion

## 7. Conservationist Report

- Fratt gave update and provided handout
- Brief discussion of farm plastic recycling

## 8. Staff Reports

Engineering Technician:

- Pero gave report along with handout

Wildlife Damage Specialist:

- Schultz on leave but requested approval for average corn price of \$3.59/bushel along with a handout
- **Motion to approve 2014 corn price at \$3.59/bushel by Ortman/Richardson with Peck abstaining - MC**

Grazing Specialist:

- T Mika gave final program report along with handout

AIS Coordinator:

- Norwood gave report along with handout

## 9. Agency and Partner Reports

- None

## Other Business

- None

**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 Lindquist/Ortman - MC.**

**Next meeting date:** Friday, January 30, 2014 @ 9:30am with poster contest judging

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