

**Ashland County Land Conservation Committee**  
**July 1, 2016**  
**Ashland County LWCD Office**

Minutes Approved 7-29-16
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**Present:**

George Mika	Tom Fratt
Gerry Richardson	Mike Pero
Ken Lindquist	Dave Schultz
Caryl Peck	Jeannine Welty
Joe Rose	
Charlie Ortman	
Frank Kempf	

**Call to order:** by George Mika @ 9:30 AM. The meeting had been properly noticed and a quorum was present.

**Introduction of New Committee Members:** Frank Kempf introduced himself as a new member and Jeannine Welty introduced herself as a new staff person.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of 4/22/16 by Ortman/Richardson MC.

**Public Comments:** No Public comment at this time

**Agenda Items**

**1. Tree and Shrub sale - information**

Fratt read Tree & Shrub sale summary showing expenses; revenue, profits and scholarships given out, and we sold 9900 trees.

**2. Conservation Camp Scholarships – Information**

\$250 scholarships will be provided to the two students who attended camp. Scholarships will be paid when Gregory Watson and Erin Matula submit their essays.

**3. Countywide Farmland Preservation & Comprehensive Plans – Discussion**

Fratt gave update of the 2016 Farmland Preservation plan; and update of meeting at the town of Morse.

- o **Motion to approve the rationale and mapping criteria for the Farmland Preservation Plan by Ortman/Rose M.C.**

**4. Strategic priorities for LWCD – programs, staff, and funding - Discussion**

Fratt asked the committee to consider the department's direction for the next 10 years. Tom stated funding for Jeannine Welty; Brittany W. and Natalie will expire the end of December 2016.

**5. Conservationist and Staff Reports**

Fratt provided a handout.

Schultz provided update on the no till.

- o Fratt spoke regarding not enough revenue for No Till storage in the grant
- o Kempf asked where the budget is; and would like to see budget by next meeting.

Mike provided handout and discussed project status. Berweger has asked for a change to his planned project. Funds have already been earmarked for him.

- o **Motion to authorize Fratt and Pero to develop agreement with Berweger that accommodates the requested changes by Richardson/Lindquist M.C.**

**6. Agency and Partner Reports – None**

**Other Business:**

Kempf led discussion of how LWCD budgets are developed and how projects are determined. The LWCD staff has been empowered to make project level budget decisions based on LCC guidance. Instructions for the county budget should be coming in early August. Fratt will provide Kempf with more budget information for the next meeting.

**Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the bills by Ortman/Richardson MC.**

**Next meeting date:** Friday, July 29, 2016 ~ 9:30am

**Adjourn:** 11:45 a.m. by Chairman Mika