

Ashland County Land Conservation Committee
September 9, 2016
Ashland County LWCD Office



Present:

George Mika	Tom Fratt
Gerry Richardson	Dave Schultz
Ken Lindquist	Jeannine Welty
Caryl Peck	Mike Pero
Charlie Ortman	Gary Haughn - NRCS
Frank Kempf	Tony Janisch - BRWA
Joe Rose	

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 07/29/16 by Ortman/Mika MC.

Public Comments: Janisch spoke on recent flood, much discussion followed on expanding their service area. Janisch spoke on FEMA, Drones, Flood damage. Ortman motioned to continue on DATCP work when time allows on recent storm emergency and look for other grant opportunities.

Agenda Items

1. Participation in 2016 Deer Donation Program

Motion to have George sign deer donation sheet. Rose/Ortman MC

2. Wildlife Damage 2017 Budget

Ashland County share would be 30% of 4-county program. Reduction of bear trapping funds, slight increase in salary. Motion to have George sign 2017 Wildlife Damage budget sheet. Lindquist/Rose MC

3. LWCD 2017 County Budget Request

Fratt had handouts and gave update there was a lot of discussion. Motion to approved budget from Fratt as presented on August 18. Ortman/Kempf MC

4. Countywide Farmland Preservation & Comprehensive Plan

Fratt gave update, spoke on mapping, on what needs to be in there action plans (Zoning)

5. Gary was introduced to Frank Kempf. CSP rework in progress, EQIP – no more LSLRP Projects under contract need to be implemented *Gary would support this. Crop loss insurance ECR practices are an option on cons practice 75% cost share.

6. Conservationist & Staff reports

Tom gave update on July 12 flood disaster

Mike gave update

Dave gave update on budgets, bear damage program active and bear trapping has slowed

Gary H. spoke on Administrative Fed. Farm program "Threat to Life" property after flood, they can move houses if necessary

Fratt mentioned ECP apply only if Haughn funded, and home owner can fix land to harvest but if they fix completely themselves there is no reimbursement.

Other Business:

Fratt mentioned NW area Assoc. tour will not happen this fall.

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

Next meeting date: Friday November 4, 2016 ~ 9:30am

Adjourn: 12:52 a.m. by Chairman Mika