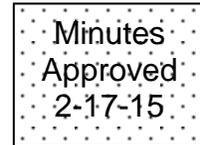


Ashland County Land Conservation Committee
January 30, 2015
Ashland Co LWCD Conference Room



Present:

George Mika	Tom Fratt
Jim Oakley	Mike Pero
Ken Lindquist	Todd Norwood
Joe Rose	Dave Schultz
Gerry Richardson	Pete Russo (County Board Chair)
Charlie Ortman	

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

Minutes: **Motion to approve minutes of 12/12/14 by Oakley/Rose - MC.**

Public Comments: General discussion on Bayfield County hog CAFO and livestock siting ordinances. Topic is on agenda and mentioned could be moved up to the beginning of agenda.

- **Motion to move agenda item #7 to beginning by Ortman/Oakley - MC**

Agenda Items:

7. Agricultural Ordinances - Discussion and Potential Action

- Discussion of livestock siting ordinance development
- Fratt compiled all DATCP materials for livestock siting and manure storage for review
- General discussion of livestock siting licensing, zoning, and manure storage ordinances
- Mika suggests a separate LCC meeting on Tuesday, February 17th at 9am to discuss options on agricultural ordinances

1. Wildlife Damage Claims review for 2014 - Action

- Schultz provided report on 2014 claims in Ashland County
 - **Motion to approve Ashland County claims with Mika's signature by Richardson/Ortman - MC**
 - **Motion to allow Fratt to sign remaining 2014 claims by Oakley/Ortman - MC**

2. DATCP 2014 Period 2 Reimbursement Request - Action

- Fratt explained request
- Upcoming DATCP changes/restrictions on what activities #1 position can participate in
 - **Motion to approve reimbursement request with Mika's signature by Lindquist/Rose - MC**

3. 2015 Budget Items - Conservation Camp Scholarships, WLWCA Great Lakes Committee Dues - Action

- Discussion regarding dues for the WLWCA Great Lakes Committee and the National Association of Conservation Districts
 - **Motion to approve \$50/ea dues payment for GLC and NACD by Lindquist/Ortman - MC**
- Discussion regarding conservation camp scholarships: Up to full amount of cost or \$50 for Sand Lake and \$100 for Trees for Tomorrow with applicants exceeding total of \$750. Require essay if applicants exceed \$750 maximum. Parents to pay for camp with reimbursement coming from scholarship. Possibly require report to LWCD at end of camp.
 - **Motion to set scholarship cap at \$750 and use \$50/\$100 minimum for individual camp scholarships by Lindquist/Ortman - MC**

4. Countywide Farmland Preservation Plan Update - Discussion

- Fratt provided update on FPP grants and GIS
- Near future need for a Comprehensive Plan Update committee with FPP sub-committee. Outreach to all county departments and townships
- Suggested that Ortman, Fratt, Russo, Mika, Beirl meet to discuss committee development

5. County Comprehensive Plan Update - Discussion

- Combined discussion with item #4

6. WLWCA Annual Conference

- 3 LCC and 4 LWCD staff attending
- Resolution on manure management that could become statewide ordinance at conference
- Fratt mentioned donations needed for auction and possibly using \$100 from Tree and Shrub sale to go toward Ashland County auction item(s). Auction benefits youth education programs across the state.
 - **Motion to use \$100 from Tree and Shrub sale for WLWCA auction by Ortman/Richardson - MC**

7. Agricultural Ordinances - Discussion and Potential Action

- Moved to beginning of agenda items

8. Metallic Mining in Ashland County - Discussion

9. Conservationist Report – Fratt's report

10. Staff Reports

- Engineering Technician – Pero's report
- Wildlife Damage Specialist – Schultz's report
- AIS Coordinator – Norwood's report

11. 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 Ortman/Oakley - MC.**

Next meeting date: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 @ 9:00am

Adjourn: 12:17pm by Chairman Mika with conservation poster judging to follow

- **Motion to adjourn and vote on conservation posters by Ortman/Mika - MC**