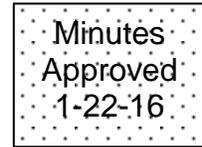


Ashland County Land Conservation Committee
December 11, 2015
Ashland Co LWCD Conference Room



Present:

George Mika	Tom Fratt
Caryl Peck	Mike Pero
Gerry Richardson	Todd Norwood
Joe Rose	Dave Schultz
Jim Oakley	

Excused:

Ken Lindquist
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 from 9/17/15 by Oakley/Rose - MC**

Public Comment: No public comments

Agenda Items:

1. Wildlife Damage Program 2015 Crop Prices - Action

- Schultz provided 2015 corn prices (average: \$3.78/bushel) for wildlife damage claims.
- No other crops were damaged during 2015.
- **Motion by Richardson/Oakley to accept the \$3.78/bushel price for corn for damage claims - MC**

2. Wildlife Damage Program 2016 Bear Trapping Contract - Action

- Schultz provided a summary of the 2016 bear trapping contract with a budget of \$5200.
- **Motion by Richardson/Rose to accept and have George Mika sign the 2016 bear trapping contract at \$5200 - MC**

3. Cost-Share Extension Request - Action

- Fratt provided a summary of cost-share extensions and carry-overs
- Pero provided further detail and discussion of cost-share projects and extensions and mentioned some dollar amounts may change before December 31, 2015 on certain extensions.
- Pero also provided a summary of his staff report since he needs to leave early for landowner project assistance.
- **Motion by Richardson/Oakley to authorize Tom Fratt to sign cost-share extension on-or-before December 31, 2015 once amounts are finalized.**

4. Invasive Species Strategic Plan Approval - Action

- Norwood and Fratt provided a summary of the strategic plan and the need for LCC approval to 'finalize' the plan before being submitted to the WDNR, county board, and plan committee members, and partners.

- **Motion by Richardson/Oakley to approve the Ashland County Invasive Species Strategic Plan and have George Mika sign - MC**

5. Countywide Farmland Preservation and Comprehensive Plan Updates - Discussion

- Fratt provided a summary of documents including agricultural statistics, maps, and the Bayfield County Large-Scale Livestock Study Committee Report and Recommendations.
- Fratt also discussed the expected approval of a NMP update and new acreage application, and the DATCP AEA boundary modification.
- General discussion of agricultural zoning and ordinances.
- Zoning committee has already moved to pursue agricultural zoning during their last meeting.
- **Motion by Oakley/Rose to have the LCC pursue a manure storage and management ordinance and authorize Tom Fratt to develop a draft ordinance to be presented to the LCC for review and suggestions - MC**

6. Conservationist Report

- Fratt provided report and also mentioned the Ashland County Wetland Restoration story with WI Land + Water, the National Marine Sanctuary presentation, and WI Land + Water Annual Conference registration.

7. Staff Reports:

- Schultz and Norwood provided updates.

8. Agency and Partner Reports:

- None present

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 Oakley/Rose - MC**

Next meeting date: January 22, 2015 at 9:30am - Poster Contest judging!

Adjourn: 12:00 pm

- **Motion to adjourn by Richardson/Oakley - MC**