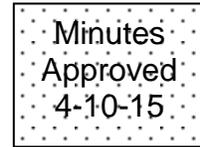


**Ashland County Land Conservation Committee**  
**February 17, 2015**  
**Ashland Co LWCD Conference Room**



**Present:**

George Mika	Tom Fratt
Charlie Ortman	Tony Janisch (Bad River Watershed Assn.)
Ken Lindquist	
Joe Rose	
Gerry Richardson	
Caryl Peck	
Oakley	

**Call to order:** by George Mika @ 9:10 AM. The meeting had been properly noticed and a quorum of 4 was present.

**Minutes:** **Motion to approve minutes of 1/30/15 by Ortman/Lindquist - MC.**

**Public Comments:** Tony Janisch commended the committee for proactively working on development of an agricultural ordinance. Chairman Mika invited Mr. Janisch to freely participate in the discussion.

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Agricultural Ordinances - Discussion and Potential Action**

- Fratt provided an overview of ordinance options as he understood them, including the “no action” option. The committee was asked what they felt they expected an ordinance to do, i.e. what is the purpose of an ordinance in our situation?
- Richardson expressed that he felt that environmental protection should be one of the primary purposes of the ordinance, along with confirming the right to farm.
- Fratt handed out a rough draft of an ordinance that he wrote based on the general format of Burnett County’s ordinance that combines elements of NR 151, ATCP 50, ATCP 51 and NR 243 into one ordinance
- The subject of applying a moratorium against licensing new Class A livestock facilities was discussed, but no agreement was reached
- **Motion: Fratt should continue to work on the draft “Ashland County Animal Waste, Nutrient Management and Livestock Siting Ordinance” and distribute the draft for internal review and comments prior to the next meeting of the LCC. MC.**

**2. Countywide Farmland Preservation Plan and Comprehensive Plan Updates - Discussion**

- Fratt provided his opinion that agricultural ordinances should be an outcome of the planning process rather than coming ahead of it, but realizes that the timeline has been altered due to a potential hog operation coming to Bayfield County.

**Approval of Bills:** None. Bills will be presented for approval at the next LCC meeting.

**Next meeting date:** To be determined by Fratt and Mika

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