

**DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 10:00 a.m., Courthouse, Room 207C,**  
**1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Sue Hendrickson.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Sue Hendrickson, Mary Lou Bergman, Terry White, Kathryn McKenzie, Larry Luostari. Absent – Amy Colby. Others present – Christine Ostern, James Soyring, Mike Gardner, Ray Dezek, Gary Haughn, Mark Liebaert, Dave Schulz, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by McKenzie, second Luostari, to approve minutes from the October 12, 2017, meeting. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program - Report:** Distributed; 4 deer were donated for meat processing in 2017.

**Approval of Contracts:** 2018 contract to provide bear relocation services cost is determined by the previous 5-year damage average; 2018 cost is \$3,850.

**ACTION:** Motion by White, second Bergman, to approve contract as presented. Motion carried.

**2018 Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association Membership Dues and Donations:** Yearly dues include donation options of \$55 to Envirothon which allows high school students to compete involving conservation efforts and \$50 to Great Lakes Committee which provides more back in grants throughout the year.

**ACTION:** Motion by Bergman, second McKenzie, to approve payment of 2018 dues to include \$55 Envirothon and \$50 Great Lakes Committee donation options for a total of \$1,580. Motion carried.

**Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant:** Opportunities to update Land and Water Conservation Plan, utilize LiDAR data in additional areas, analyze stream functions, and develop new and continue existing partnerships available if awarded grant. There is a 25% match requirement which can be achieved by in-kind monies.

**ACTION:** Motion by Luostari, second Bergman, to approve grant application. Motion carried.

**Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Livestock Siting Rule Changes – Approval to Comment:** Article regarding changes distributed. Revision began in 2016; information and public comment opportunity lacking since initial introduction. No current updates available.

**ACTION:** Motion by White, second McKenzie, to allow Christine Ostern to draft comment in favor of stricter livestock siting rules and submit with review by Mark Liebaert and Sue Hendrickson. Motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Great Lakes Restoration Conference Report by Terry White:** Included with agenda. No county funds used to attend.

**2018 Wisconsin Land+Water Conference:** 2 of the 3 resolutions to be reviewed were submitted by Douglas County. Open to committee members to attend.

**Updates – Groundwater Program:** 500 flyers sent out to strategically picked residents; first 100 to respond will participate.

**DNR Grant LPT-453-14:** Chart of funds utilized distributed. Due to lack of approval for an extension, project was not completed. DNR denied full reimbursement of expenses totaling \$62,832.99 deeming them ineligible. County in current pursuit of refund from UW-Superior in the amount of \$51,558.93, which was provided in the understanding that the DNR would reimburse.

**Lake Superior Basin and Nemadji Watershed Projects:** Open houses were well attended. Many landowners utilized the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) cost-share programs recommended.

**Agency Reports:** NRCS report distributed. 4 projects were accepted in Douglas County for 2018. Office is now combined with Spooner for a 7-county effort.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Cost-share approval; draft in-lieu of fee update; chronic wasting disease.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by McKenzie, second Bergman, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk