

**DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, March 27, 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, James Soyring, Larry Luostari. Absent – Kathryn McKenzie. Others present – Christine Ostern, Mike Gardner, Mark Liebaert, Sue O'Halloran, Al Horvath, Susan Horvath, Matt Steiger, Steve LaValley, Cameron Bertsch, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by White, second Bergman, to approve minutes from the January 16, 2018, meeting. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Northern Pike Spawning Habitat Restoration Potential, Howards Pocket – Steve LaValley:** Northern Pike exist in Howards Bay but there is little area for growth; project would restore areas for spawning habitat. No specifics or cost available yet.

**ACTION:** Motion by Bergman, second White, to move forward with concept. Motion carried.

**Chronic Wasting Disease – Alan Horvath:** 31 Wisconsin counties have deer with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). The disease cannot be cured but infected animals can be controlled and spread can be prevented. Prions are transferred from infected animals through carcasses on the soil, saliva, urine, blood, and feces. Measures are in place to help control the spread but they are not effective; there is no current intent to address the issue at the state level.

**Balsam Creek Fish Passage Projects – Cameron Bertsch:** Culverts exist in certain areas of the county that do not allow fish to pass; Wisconsin DNR is leading potential replacement of culverts.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program - Report:** Refer to next meeting.

**Capital Project Funding Request – Groundwater Program:** \$10,000 requested as a capital project to fund well sampling and education components of Groundwater Program.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Bergman, second White, to approve request to fund Groundwater Program out of the 2018 capital improvement fund and refer to Administrator and Administration/Executive Committees. Motion carried.

**Approval of UW-Superior Response to Grant Project Refund:** St. Croix Watershed grant project was based on reimbursement from DNR. DNR denied reimbursement of many expenses, including those costs of UW-Superior involvement. Refund requested from UW-Superior in the full amount of \$51,558.93; only \$15,057.96 was paid back. Total loss of \$30,639.04 from UW-Superior.

**ACTION:** Motion by White, second Luostari, to accept payment but continue efforts to collect remaining funds. Motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Updates – Groundwater Program:** Public informational meeting will be held to explain results of well testing; arsenic, copper, lead, manganese and nitrate all had high levels in certain wells.

**In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Reserve Program:** Final prospectus submitted to Army Corps of Engineers; awaiting review for completeness with public comment period to follow.

**Grants:** Refer to next meeting.

**Agency Reports:** Refer to next meeting.

**Staff Report:** WI Land+Water shirts available for purchase.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program; grants; agency reports.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Luostari, second Bergman, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk