

**DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve**  
**3 Marina Drive, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Sue Hendrickson.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Sue Hendrickson, Mary Lou Bergman, Terry White, James Soyring, Larry Luostari, Kathryn McKenzie. Others present – Christine Ostern, Mike Gardner, Mark Liebaert, Sue O’Halloran, Gary Haughn, Steven Rannenberg, Shelley Nelson, Lindsey Krumrie, Jane Anklam, Cameron Bertsch, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Bergman, second Luostari, to approve minutes from the March 27, 2018, meeting, omitting “nitrate” from the Groundwater Program updates under informational items. No nitrate was found in any well tests. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program - Report:** Distributed.

**ACTION:** Motion by Luostari, second Bergman, to accept report. Motion carried.

**Environmental Reserve Fund Requests – Review of Fund:** \$250,000 in Certificate of Deposit; \$111,571.68 available in money market savings.

**ACTION:** Motion by White, second Bergman, to hear item 3.b.3 first. Motion carried.

**Groundwater Program:** Coastal Management Program can fund entire \$4,600 through grant; request to fund from Environmental Reserve Fund withdrawn.

**Mitigation Reserve Program:** Program will be in public comment period soon (to be determined by Army Corps). Tentative timeline included with agenda. Funding for program runs out end of June 2018; additional monies needed to finish program.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by White, second Bergman, to approve request to fund Mitigation Reserve Program in the amount of \$57,000 from the Environmental Reserve Fund and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Groundwater Program – Progress Report:** Grant active through June 2018. Income based, DNR grant available for well abandonment; some funds will need to be used from capital project request.

**Well Delegation Options:** 11 counties have an ordinance addressing well delegations. 5 levels of options available to include in potential ordinance; currently unsure of requirements, cost, man-power or legal repercussions to instill requirements.

**ACTION:** Motion by White, second Bergman, to support further investigation into well delegation options and potential enforcement. Motion carried.

**Cost-share Projects – 2017 Extended Projects Review:** Included with agenda; reviewed.

**2018 Project Approvals:** Well abandonments may be mostly covered by Coastal Management Program grant; Town of Brule farm project may extend to 2019.

**ACTION:** Motion by McKenzie, second Bergman, to approve cost-share projects as presented. Motion carried.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service Civil Rights Annual Review/Approval:** Civil rights agreement and memorandum of understanding distributed and reviewed. 2013 agreement remains until one party requests amendment; no action needed.

**Hog Island Disc Golf Course Proposal:** Included with agenda; reviewed.

**ACTION:** Motion by McKenzie, second Luostari, to support letter recommending Hog Island site remain in county ownership and that the site not be further developed in any way. Motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Husky Energy Fire Soil and Water Quality Concerns:** Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) are a by-product of the asphalt smoke from fire. Citizens are exposed to PAHs every day from vehicle exhaust, grilled foods and tobacco use. PAHs are harmful when linked to long-term exposure. Once the compounds are in the soil, harm is even less. There have not been any visual soot deposits found from the Husky fire.

**Balsam Creek Fish Passage Projects:** Refer to next meeting.

**Land Conservation Committee Member Training Opportunity:** Training to be held in Hayward on Friday, June 1, 2018.

**Bayfield County Deer Farm Moratorium:** Very few counties have involvement with regulating deer farms; it is not recommended. Bayfield County court case involving deer farm owner to be monitored and information will be brought back to next meeting.

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

**Staff Report:** Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection report included with agenda.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program; well delegation options; Balsam Creek fish passage projects; Bayfield County deer farm moratorium.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Luostari, second White, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk