

**DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Douglas County Forestry Office**  
**9182E Hughes Avenue, Solon Springs, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Mary Lou Bergman.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Mary Lou Bergman, Sue Hendrickson (arrived 10:19 a.m.), Larry Luostari, Jim Soyering, Wendy Bong. Absent – Kathryn McKenzie (remote). Others present – Cameron Bertsch, Matt Bolen, Eric Fromm, Ashley Vande Voort, Zach Stewart (remote), Kevin Yoder (remote), Jane Anklam (remote), Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Bong, second Luostari, to approve minutes from the March 15, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Environmental Reserve Fund Request: Superior Community Gardens Association:** Vande Voort made committee aware she serves on the Superior Community Gardens Association Board. Goal of project is to bring in pollinator species and educate the community.

**ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION):** Motion by Bong, second Luostari, to approve request and refer to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Cost-Share Requests: St. Croix Lake Critical Area Planting:** Request of \$725.00 for native planting mandated through shoreland mitigation.

**ACTION:** Motion by Bong, second Soyering, to approve request. Motion carried.

**Whitefish Lake Critical Area Planting:** Project to plant and seed native vegetation and use envirolok bag system to help with stabilization. Request exceeds available amount of \$8,359.

**ACTION:** Motion by Luostari, second Soyering, to fund plant and seed portion of project in the amount of \$4,757.00. Motion carried.

**Approval to Apply for St. Louis River Responsible Recreation Grant from St. Louis River Natural Resources Damage Assessment Fund:** If awarded, will be used to promote responsible recreation on the St. Louis River and provide education on the prevention of aquatic invasive species and littering; grant does not require a match.

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

**Contract for Wildlife Damage Abatement Services (United States Department of Agriculture or Ashland County Agriculture Technician):** Contracted services through the USDA in 2021 upon retirement of Ashland County Agriculture Technician. New technician has since been hired and provides agriculture education and assistance to Douglas County. Vande Voort recommends continuation of contract with USDA for Wildlife Damage Abatement Services and continuation of cooperation in area of agriculture from Ashland County Agriculture Technician.

**ACTION:** Motion by Soyring, second Luostari, to continue contract for Wildlife Damage Abatement Services with the United States Department of Agriculture. Motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program:** Report distributed; three active complaints. 200% participation increase since 2021.

**Youth Conservation Camp Scholarships:** Application requests included with agenda. Enough money available to fulfill both requests; funding approved in 2021.

**Staff Update:** Assisted Bayfield School District with its lake ecology education program.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Budget; terrestrial invasive species.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Hendrickson, second Bong, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk