

DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 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, Jim Soyring, Larry Luostari, Kathryn McKenzie, Wendy Bong. Others present – Ted Griggs, Bill Bussey, David Schultz, Ramona Shackelford, Shelley Nelson, Jane Anklam, Ann Doucette, Ashley Vande Voort, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bergman, second McKenzie, to approve minutes from the March 19, 2019, meeting. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution Urging Congress to Support HR 763: Bill Bussey and Ted Griggs, Citizens Climate Lobby, presented information on climate change's adverse effects to the earth, and proposed bill, HR 763. The frequency and severity of storms are of concern compared to years past; the destruction is wreaking havoc on the timber industry, certain animal and plant species and recreational activities. Bill includes a \$15/ton increase on CO₂ equivalent. The approximate raise in gas price to a consumer would be 15 cents a gallon for the first year, with more increases in future years. Monies would be returned to households as 1 share per adult and ½ share per child. Border adjustment made for all imported products. Farmers and the military would be exempt from the program and the program is designed to dissolve when carbon emission goals are met.

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by McKenzie, second Soyring, to support resolution as presented and refer to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Land and Water Resource Management Plan:

Revision Approval: Slight changes in phrasing and grammar may occur until public hearing on June 12th. Plan will be presented to state on August 6th.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Luostari, to approve plan as presented and authorize Vande Voort to make minor amendments as necessary. Motion carried.

Revision Review/Question Approval: Included with agenda; reviewed.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Bong, to approve answers as presented. Motion carried.

Olsen Project Cost-Share Correction Approval: DATCP will not reimburse cost-share monies because project done last fall was not reviewed by a professional engineer. A professional engineer has since reviewed and corrections to original project are needed. Cost-share funds can be used for corrections; exact cost unknown. Work to begin as soon as possible.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by McKenzie, second Bergman, to approve cost-share funding from Environmental Reserve Fund, not to exceed \$3,000, and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area – Ramona: Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area founded in 2005 as a non-profit funded by federal and state grants. Organization covers a four county area and manages high priority issues with invasive species.

Wildlife Damage Abatement Claim – TePoel: Proof of payment receipt requested at last meeting distributed. Organic product to be considered when setting reimbursement rate for the future.

Copp Project: Cost-share project approved at last meeting; drinker installation for cattle will not be installed until next year, which opens cost-share funds for other projects.

ACTION: Motion by McKenzie, second Luostari, to use cost-share funding for the Olsen project, not to exceed \$3,000. Motion carried.

Youth Camp Scholarship: 2 applications received for Sand Lake Camp; both awarded scholarships.

Groundwater Testing: 29 samples were collected. 1 high in magnesium; 2 showed traces of coliform bacteria; no e-coli was present. An informational session is necessary for future testing to instruct participants on water collection.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Bong, to extend meeting beyond two-hour limit. Motion carried.

Task Force on Water Quality: Governor will visit Superior with task force for informational session on water quality.

Nebagamon Creek: DNR attempting to contact landowners for permission to remove culvert; washout is of high concern.

St. Louis River Area of Concern: Included with agenda. Currently, county has minimal, if any, involvement in projects; Schafer Beach is no longer identified for Piping Plover habitat.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by McKenzie, second Bong, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk