

DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 20, 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, Jim Soyring, Wendy Bong, Kathryn McKenzie. Absent – Mary Lou Bergman, Larry Luostari. Others present – Jo Olsen, Mark Liebaert, Dave Schulz, Shelley Nelson, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by McKenzie, second Bong, to approve minutes from the May 21, 2019, meeting. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Proposed 2020 Budget: Start up mining permit fee reduced; implemented fee for review at renewal to allow more consistent income throughout years. Budget decrease primarily due to personnel costs.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by McKenzie, second Bong, to approve 2020 proposed Land Conservation budget as presented, with potential for changes after meeting with Administrator, and refer to Zoning and Administration Committees. Motion carried.

Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program - Report: Distributed.

Budget: Included with agenda; slight budget increase due to salary and fencing material.

ACTION: Motion by Bong, second Soyring, to approve budget as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Contracts: Deer donation program contract distributed.

ACTION: Motion by McKenzie, second Bong, to approve contract as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

2019 Final Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Allocations: \$20,000 was thought to be original allocation; actual amount awarded was \$13,400. One cost-share project referred for other funding source.

Cost-share Project Status: Original project for Mary Jo Olsen was to be 100% funded by DATCP. A qualified state engineer never reviewed, so funding was declined. County is now responsible for funding 50% of project, which needs to be redone per state engineer standards. Land Conservation Department currently approved to use up to \$3,000 (accrued interest) out of Environmental Reserve Fund for project. Estimates provided by new contractors do not guarantee work, due to negligent completion from previous contractor. Corporation Counsel to review entire process and provide options so county is not liable for project after completion.

Potential Balloon Release Resolution: Remnants of balloons and paper lanterns are found in fields and can cause damage; potential resolution to be presented next meeting.

Department Brochure: Forestry Department may provide assistance with printing.

Dredge Material Placement: Hearing Island and Interstate Island and Soo Line: Open water placement opposed by state due to impact on fisheries.

Water Quality Task Force Hearing: Hearing will be held September 5th at the Yellowjacket Union; time to be determined.

Land and Water Conservation Board Election Policy: Included with agenda for anyone interested in serving on board.

Outstanding Conservation Awards: Nominations for outstanding leaders in conservation are open.

Next Generation Leadership Institute Training: Included with agenda; available to anyone interested.

Land and Water Resource Management Plan Review: Final approval with state will be October 1st.

Groundwater Testing: Testing will occur November 18th. Capital funds were received and promotional cards and social media posts have been created to encourage participation.

Lake and Stream Organization Meeting: Meeting will be held to promote collaboration between DNR, county and those involved with lakes and streams in the area.

Brule Family Fun Day: Flyer included with agenda; will be August 24, 2019, at the Brule State Fish Hatchery from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

2019 Sand Lake Youth Camp: Thank you note from attendee and camp included with agenda.

2019 Invasive Species Poster Contest: Several winners from Douglas County.

In-lieu of Fee Program: Liebaert and Vande Voort will meet with Army Corps in October about how to move forward.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Balloon resolution; Mary Jo Olsen cost-share project.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by McKenzie, second Bong, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk