

DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 29, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
1316 N. 14th Street, Boardroom 201, Superior, WI 54880

Meeting called to order by Chair Sue Hendrickson.

1. ROLL CALL

Present – Sue Hendrickson, Jim Soyring, Wendy Bong, Kathryn McKenzie, Mary Lou Bergman. Absent – Larry Luostari. Others present – Matt Bolen, Eric Fromm, Ashley Strabel, Zach Stewart (remote), Lexi Klasen, Committee Clerk.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bergman, second Bong, to approve minutes from the May 16, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a. 2024 Proposed Budget:

- 1) Funding Approval for Surface Waters Program:** Requested \$20,000 in funding for Surface Waters Program due to increased office and transportation costs; the rest of funding supplemented by grants.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Bergman, second Bong, to approve funding request and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

- 2) Funding Approval for Agriculture Technician Position:** Requested \$8,000 to support the position because the previous grant may be reduced.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Bong, second Bergman, to approve 2024 budget and include funding request and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

b. Surface Water Grant Requests:

- 1) Stop Spiny 2.0:** Grant to be used to continue the Stop Spiny Prevention Campaign.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by McKenzie, second Bergman, to approve grant application and refer to Zoning Committee. Motion carried.

- 2) St. Croix Flowage Management:** Grant to be used for gathering vegetation data and creating management plan.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Bergman, second Bong, to approve grant application and refer to Zoning Committee. Motion carried.

- c. **2024 Work Plan:** Identified goals and plans for 2024.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Bong, to approve plan. Motion carried.

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. **Wildlife Damage Report:** Report included in agenda.
- b. **Agricultural Technician Report:** Report distributed at meeting. Matt Bolen reported on updates.
- c. **Surface Waters Program Report:** Report included in agenda.
- d. **Land and Water Resources Management Plan Update:** Ashley Strabel reported on revisions and updates to be presented in February 2024. Report included in agenda.
- e. **Comprehensive Plan Goal Updates:** Report included in agenda.
- f. **Budgetary Transfer Landing Blitz:** Report included in agenda.
- g. **Land Conservation Department Opportunities and Challenges:** Report included in agenda.
- h. **2023 Lake Superior Collaborative Symposium:** Information included in agenda. Symposium in October.
- i. **Staff Report:** Ashley Strabel reported on staff updates.
- j. **Future Meeting Date – Reschedule November Meeting to November 14, 2023:** Committee members agreed to change November meeting date due to holidays.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion by Bergman, second Bong, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Submitted by,

Lexi Klasen
Committee Clerk