

DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
1316 N. 14th Street, Boardroom 201, Superior, WI 54880

Meeting called to order by Chair Sue Hendrickson.

ROLL CALL: Present – Sue Hendrickson, Mary Lou Bergman, Kathryn McKenzie, Jim Soyring, Wendy Bong. Absent – Larry Luostari. Others present – Matt Bolen, Eric Fromm, Ashley Vande Voort, Zach Stewart (remote), Shelley Nelson, David Conley, Jim Giffin, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bong, second Bergman, to approve minutes from the May 17, 2022, meeting, with the following amendment: Under the Environmental Reserve Fund request action, it should read "...to approve request **in the amount of \$200.00** and refer to Administration Committee and County Board". Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

2023 Proposed Budget: Included with agenda. Revenue and expenses both increased same amount, due to permit fee and supply increase.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Bergman, second McKenzie, to approve proposed 2023 Land Conservation budget as presented and refer to Zoning Committee, County Administrator, and Administration Committee. Motion carried.

Invasive Species as a Threat to Biodiversity Grant Request: New grant offered for education and outreach; no match requirements.

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

Surface Water Grant Requests:

Science on Tap Education Grant: Grant offered for education and outreach.

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

Organizational Development Education Grant: Grant offered to support collaboration with partner agencies and attending training events.

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

County Lake Grant: Grant offered to fund surface water monitoring and management of priority invasive species.

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

Environmental Reserve Fund Requests:

Rain Barrel Workshop: Megan Hogfeldt, Water Resources Specialist with the City of Superior, presented on benefits gained from rain barrel workshop. Educational workshop informs attendees of water runoff and helps create a rain barrel for use.

ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION): Motion by Bergman, second Bong, to approve funding request in the amount of \$750 for the rain barrel workshop from the Environmental Reserve Fund interest accrued and refer to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Surface Water Management and Protection: Letters of support submitted from citizens. Dave Conley and Jim Giffin spoke in support of funding, citing its need due to lack of resources to assist with water management and protection. Request to fund from Environmental Reserve Fund due to constrained budget. Funds may provide grant relief when match is required.

ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION): Motion by McKenzie, second Bergman, to approve funding request in the amount of \$20,000 for surface water management and protection from the Environmental Reserve Fund and refer to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to Support NACO's Position on Defining the Waters of the United States and Regulations with Agricultural Considerations: Support and commentary deadline was beginning of February; no action taken.

**Letters of Support for Lake Nebagamon Boat Launch Stormwater Catchment:
From Land Conservation Committee:** Included with agenda; required for grant.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Bong, to approve letter of support from Land Conservation Committee. Motion carried.

From Douglas County Board of Supervisors: Included with agenda; required for grant.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second McKenzie, to request letter of support from Douglas County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried.

Letter Opposing Federal Pesticide Exemption: Included with agenda. Requirements would not affect Douglas County, but may affect municipalities in their own restrictions regarding pesticide use.

ACTION: Motion by McKenzie, second Hendrickson, to approve as presented and direct Vande Voort to send to recipients as listed on letter. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program: Report distributed; Eric Fromm and Matt Bolen reported on various wildlife damage reports throughout Douglas County.

Douglas County AIS/Environmental Resources Specialist Funding: Due to budget constraints, funding for additional position not available in 2023.

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's Soil and Water Resource Management Grant and Nonpoint Source Programs Preliminary 2023 Allocation Plan:
Preliminary plan allocates dollars for three positions in Land Conservation Department.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Polyfluoroalkyl substances.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bong, second Bergman, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Lundgren
Committee Clerk