

DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 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 Soyering, Larry Luostari, Kathryn McKenzie. Others present – Christine Ostern, Mike Gardner, Mark Liebaert, Sue O’Halloran, Terry White, Dave Schulz, Shelley Nelson, Amy Eliot, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bergman, second Luostari, to approve minutes from the September 18, 2018, meeting. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program - Report: Distributed.

ACTION: Motion by McKenzie, second Bergman, to accept and place on file. Motion carried.

Approval of Contracts: Price of \$45/ton recommended by Schulz for bagged alfalfa haulage reimbursement of claim damage.

ACTION: Motion by Luostari, second Soyering, to approve price of \$45/ton. Motion carried.

Resolution Recommendations for 2019 Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association Annual Business Meeting: Resolution recommendations drafted by counties and then forwarded to regional group for recommendation to state. Any ideas can be emailed to Hendrickson for approval at next meeting.

Douglas County Speaking and Poster Contest: Some counties have contests locally that are then forwarded to regional level, which could then advance to state and national levels. Program takes a lot of time and effort to maintain; not enough staff at county to offer local contest at this time. Participants can still submit applications to regional level for potential advancement.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Mitigation Reserve Program (In-Lieu of Fee Wetland Mitigation) Progress: Still have not received feedback from Army Corps St. Paul District Office; deadline was end of August. Due to amount of scientific research and involvement in program, it may require a more thorough review.

Balsam Creek Fish Passage Projects: Due to June flooding, culverts are being replaced sooner than original plan. Refer to next meeting for input from Cameron Bertsch.

Agency Reports: Lake Superior Research Institute – Amy Eliot thanked Ostern for her years of service and assistance on many projects. LSRI worked on a fish passage study over the summer, determining many culverts not passable for fish.

Staff Report: Groundwater study included 64 total participants;14 tested positive for arsenic, with 2 at or above the health standard. 2 tests were at or above the health standard for manganese and 1 was close to above the copper health standard. 4 tested above the health standard for lead, but samples were taken directly at tank; by the time water reaches tap, percent is typically much smaller. Ostern thanked committee and other attendees for collaboration on projects throughout the years she was employed by Douglas County.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: 2019 Land and Water Conference resolutions; Balsam Creek Passage projects.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Luostari, second Bergman, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk