

DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 19, 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, Wendy Bong, Jim Soyring (arrived 10:01 a.m.), Kathryn McKenzie. Absent – Larry Luostari. Others present – Dan Corbin, Donald Ross, Jacky Wiggins, Ashley Vande Voort, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bergman, second Bong, to approve minutes from the September 17, 2019, meeting. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM:

Approval to Apply for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Grant for Aquatic Invasive Species Education, Planning and Prevention: 25% match required; can be in-kind services. Lakes Association volunteer time contributions near \$10,000. Intent is to contract AIS coordinator.

ACTION: Motion by McKenzie, second Bergman, to approve application for grant. Motion carried.

Environmental Reserve Project Funding Request in the Amount of \$3,000: Surface Water Grant for AIS will not cover indirect costs. \$1,250 pledged from various lake organizations. Other areas of funding will be sought out first; funding not needed until end of 2020.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Bergman, second McKenzie, to approve funding request in the amount of \$3,000 from the Environmental Reserve Fund for indirect costs of AIS coordinator and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

Environmental Reserve Fund Request for Two Sand Lake Conservation Camp and Two Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association Youth Conservation Camp Scholarships: 2018 scholarship costs were \$100/each for Sand Lake and \$250/each for Land+Water Conservation Association; 2020 costs unknown.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by McKenzie, second Bong, to approve funding out of Environmental Reserve Fund for two Sand Lake Conservation Camp and two Land+Water Conservation Association Youth Conservation Camp scholarships at 2020 cost and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

Cost-Share Projects:

2019 O'Hara Project Approval: \$7,703.55 remains unused in 2019 cost-share project funds.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second McKenzie to approve funding from 2019 cost-share money for O'Hara well modification project. Motion carried.

Prioritization of 2020 Cost-Share Projects: All projects are able to be completed in 2020 with available funding except Gottwald shoreline stabilization. Due to scope and size of project, may not be able to begin until 2021 as is.

ACTION: Motion by Bong, second Soyering, to approve funding from cost-share funds of all proposed 2020 projects. Gottwald project is last priority, only to be funded in 2020 if monies remain after other projects are complete or withdrawn. Motion carried.

Extension Approvals: Any funds carried over from 2019 must be used in 2020. Only projects that will be completed in 2020 should be allocated extended funds.

ACTION: Motion by McKenzie, second Bong, to approve extension of 2019 funds to all 2020 cost-share projects except Gottwald project. Motion carried.

Approval of Reimbursement Within Two Weeks of Receiving Paid Invoice: Property owner pays project cost out-of-pocket. Paid invoices are submitted to county for reimbursement; county submits to state to recoup those funds reimbursed. Reimbursement from state may take up to six months.

ACTION: Motion by McKenzie, second Bong, to approve reimbursement from Douglas County of cost-share project funds to project owner within two weeks of receiving paid invoices and a certified, state engineer's approval of project. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program: Included with agenda; reviewed.

Deer Donation and Bayfield Dumpster Programs: Dumpsters available at multiple locations in Bayfield County for disposal of carcasses; donation of deer accepted at Hursh Meat Processing in Douglas County to distribute across state to families in need.

2020 Grant Allocation: Further involvement in program may provide additional funding in the future; program encompasses nutrient management for farmers.

Groundwater Testing: 70 participants picked up sample bottles; approximately 68 returned. Funding remains to continue testing in 2020.

Northwest Region Tour – Bayfield County: Vande Voort toured old landfill where flooding damaged property, a stabilization project that incorporated logs and a wetland restoration project.

Joint Solicitation for Groundwater Research and Monitoring Grant Application: Grant applied for to assist with groundwater research.

2020 Youth Poster and Speaking Contest: Included with agenda; reviewed. No feedback received from teachers for involvement; to promote via Facebook and website.

Communicable Diseases in Cervids Study: Awaiting feedback from Corporation Counsel on draft ordinance.

County Levy Resolution: Ashland County will present resolution proposing a removal of the state's restriction on counties' ability to levy taxes at annual WI Land+Water conference.

WI Land+Water Annual Conference, March 4-6, Green Bay: Committee members invited to attend.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Balloon releases resolution; biosolids. Next meeting to be held at Department of Natural Resources building in City of Superior.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by McKenzie, second Bong, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk