

DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 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 (left at 11:52 a.m.), Terry White, Amy Colby, Kathryn McKenzie, Larry Luostari. Others present – Christine Ostern, Sue O’Halloran, Mike Gardner, Jeremy Bates, David Conley, Mark Liebaert, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bergman, second Colby, to approve minutes from the March 15, 2016, meeting. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program - Report: Report distributed; no approval of contracts needed.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Luostari, to accept report. Motion carried.

Approval of Conservation Camp Scholarship from the Environmental Reserve Fund: Request made by high school student to attend North Lakeland Discovery Center at the cost of \$250.

ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION): Motion by McKenzie, second White, to approve funding of camp scholarship request in the amount of \$250 from the Environmental Reserve Fund balance and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Pesticide Ordinance Exemption Application: Draft application included with agenda. Keith Allen (via e-mail) and Conley provided suggestions.

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by Bergman, second White, to approve application and refer to County Board with the following changes: Add request for a proposed posting plan to point 3 footnote; point 5 should read, “Describe *each* alternative *method* of control and reasons why *each* of these methods...”; point 8 should read, “Attach a copy of the *product* label...”; remove “or from the manufacturer” at the end of points 11 and 12; remove the statement above the initials line: “I understand that if the treatment area borders a waterbody, posting is required along the shoreline of the waterbody” from the revised submission; add point 9 to request a copy of the safety data sheets with footnote, and renumber points; add safety data sheets footnote to References page and renumber; add the URLs of World Health Organization and safety data sheet websites under the Additional Information and Resources page. Motion carried unanimously.

Producer-led Watershed Council Grant Application: New grant from the Department of Agriculture. \$250,000 available annually, with a \$20,000 max per group. A minimum of 5 producers are required per group to apply. County would be sponsor of applying group to administer funds; corporation counsel to advise.

ACTION: Motion by White, second Luostari, to proceed with grant application. Motion carried.

Moratorium on Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance – Approval of Ordinance: Included with agenda.

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

Approval to Form a Study Group: Study group to address critical issues CAFOs present.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Luostari, second Colby, to recommend Bergman and White to study group, with Hendrickson as alternate, and refer to Zoning Committee. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Correspondence: Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, May 2, 2016, Regarding Non-native Phragmites Monitoring and Control Work in the St. Louis River Estuary: Included with agenda.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, May 2016, Statement of Findings and Finding of No Significant Impact, Dredged Material Placement, 21st Avenue West Aquatic Habitat Restoration Site, St. Louis River Area of Concern: Included with agenda.

Updates:

Pollinator Programs: Master Gardeners agreed to do small group presentation on monarch habitation; other options to assist monarch life discussed.

Farmland Preservation Plan Revision: Draft almost complete; public hearing to be held.

Allouez Bay Project: Working to keep seeded areas protected from wildlife.

Lake Superior Basin Watershed Planning: Project approved by County Board; next is review of site level characteristics.

Cost-share Projects: Project to replace failing bridge with culvert to occur this summer.

Reports - Staff: Working on Farmland Preservation Plan, watershed, and cost-share projects.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: DNR – Yellow Iris; next meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by White, second McKenzie, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk