

DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 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, Jim Soyring, Larry Luostari, Kathryn McKenzie, Wendy Bong. Others present – Matt Steiger, Mike Gardner, Jon TePoel, David Schultz, Cameron Bertsch, Mark Liebaert, Ashley Vande Voort, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bergman, second Luostari, to approve minutes from the November 13, 2018, meeting. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Request for Approval of 2019 Cost Share Projects - Mary Jo Olsen Life Estate Shoreline Protection: 50% cost-share estimated at \$1,500.

John Aamodt Shoreline Protection: 50% cost-share estimated at \$7,500.

Don Copp Livestock Watering Facility: 70% cost-share estimated at \$10,626.

ACTION: Motion by McKenzie, second Bergman, to approve cost share projects as presented. Motion carried.

Capital Project Funding Request in the Amount of \$10,000 for Well Water Sampling: Amount needed may be closer to \$8,500 due to lower cost of tests. There is no mandate for residents to correct any negative results that may appear.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Bergman, second Luostari, to approve request to fund Groundwater Program out of the 2019 capital improvement fund and refer to Administrator and Administration/Executive Committees. Motion carried.

Request to Hire Amy Eliot as Facilitator for Revisions of Land and Water Resource Management Plan: Vande Voort to revise Land and Water Resource Management Plan primarily due to budget constraints. Request is to hire Eliot for the total amount of approximately \$1,000, to act as facilitator during meetings and provide input and feedback on plan.

ACTION: Motion by McKenzie, second Bergman, to approve request to hire Eliot in the amount of \$1,000, as presented. Motion carried.

Environmental Reserve Fund Request in the Amount of \$700 for Scholarships: Request to fund two (\$100) and two (\$250) scholarships for attendance to camp.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second McKenzie, to approve request to fund scholarships in the amount of \$700 out of the Environmental Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Wildlife Damage Abatement Claim: Price of bagged alfalfa haulage reimbursement set in the fall at \$45/ton. Market rate significantly increased to \$100/ton. Jon TePoel's inventory damaged by turkeys; filed claim requesting additional funding due to drastic rate change. TePoel provided statement from buyer agreeing to \$100/ton purchase; will provide receipts when exchange is complete. Maximum reimbursement amount is \$10,000.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second McKenzie, to adjust price to \$75/ton for TePoel's claim. Motion carried.

Budget: Training/seminar item in budget will be over due to new Land Conservationist.

Mitigation Reserve Program (In-Lieu of Fee Wetland Mitigation) Progress: Program submission declined by Army Corps in St. Paul. There is no funding left for additional pursuits or changes at this time. Douglas County and City of Superior representatives ready to address concerns with Army Corps once additional information is received from consultants of program.

Nebagamon Creek Culvert Removal: Culvert under railroad grate to be removed; no money from Douglas County.

Balsam Creek Fish Passage Projects: Aluminum, bottomless arch crossings with concrete floorings will be replaced on Patzau-Foxboro Road and County Road B; Severson Road is complete. Funding awarded from FEMA due to flooding disaster to replace and repair.

Staff Report: Included with agenda; reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Nebagamon Creek culvert removal; Piping Plover update.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Luostari, second Bergman, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk