

DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Government Center, Boardroom 201

1316 N. 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Sue Hendrickson.

ROLL CALL: Present – Sue Hendrickson, Mary Lou Bergman (remote), Wendy Bong, Jim Soyring (remote), Kathryn McKenzie (remote). Absent – Larry Luostari. Others present – Celeste Hemphill-Welter (remote), Tim Ryan (remote), Matt TenEyck (remote), Todd MacMillan (remote), Nate Willis (remote), Michelle Balk (remote), Zach Stewart (remote), Sam Lobby (remote), Eric DeVenecia (remote), Kimberly Beesley (remote), Samantha McClung (remote), Deanna Erickson (remote), Heidi Sailard (remote), Jane Anklam (remote), Mary Stone-McConnell (remote), Randy Jones, Desi Niewski (remote)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bergman, second by McKenzie, to approve minutes from the September 15, 2020, meeting. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION:

Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS): Presenters Nate Willis, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), Tim Ryan, WDNR, Jane Anklam, UW-Madison, Division of Extension and Todd MacMillan, Western Lake Superior Sanitary District, discussed PFAS in relation to the land application of biosolids.

ACTION ITEMS:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Grant for Early Detection and Rapid Response - Yellow Flag Iris: Grant to control yellow flag iris in Allouez Bay and Barkers Island area.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Bong, to move ahead with grant if funding approved. Motion carried.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Grant for Early Detection and Rapid Response - Butterfly Dock: Presentation by Zach Stewart, AIS Coordinator. Species needs to be identified. Submitted Intent to Apply application.

ACTION: Motion by McKenzie, second Bergman, to allow applying for grant once species are identified. Motion carried.

Environmental Reserve Fund scholarship requests - Sand Lake Conservation Camp (two) & Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association Youth Conservation Camp (two): Dependent on COVID-19. No camps held in 2020.

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

Cost-share Projects: Culvert: Oakland/Hawthorne, Culvert waterway: Oakland/Hawthorne, Drinker – Town of Lakeside, Drinker – Town of Brule, Shoreline Protection – Lower Eau Claire

Lake, Shoreline Protection – Lake Minnesuing, Well closure – Town of Cloverland and Well closure – Cloverland Community Club: Projects reviewed. Information provided with agenda.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second McKenzie, to fund last year (2020) projects and give Ashley Vande Voort, Land Conservationist, authority to make decisions on appropriate amounts to fund each project and reallocate as needed. Motion carried.

Extension approvals: Culvert: Oakland/Hawthorne, Culvert waterway: Oakland/Hawthorne, Drinker – Town of Lakeside, Drinker – Town of Brule, Shoreline Protection – Lower Eau Claire Lake, Shoreline Protection – Lake Minnesuing, Well closure – Town of Cloverland and Well closure – Cloverland Community Club: Requesting approval to extend projects from 2020 to 2021 so funding will not be lost.

ACTION: Motion by Bong, second McKenzie, to approve extensions for projects just discussed. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program Report: Report to be forwarded to committee when received.

Deer Donations: Locations noted.

Youth Poster and Speaking Contest: Poster theme “Healthy Trees equals Healthy Communities. Voting in courthouse in January. Speaking contest not promoted this year.

ACTION: Motion Bergman, second Bong, to extend meeting beyond two-hour meeting limit. Motion carried.

Groundwater Testing: 2019 funds for 48 tests. Samples being delivered to lab today. 2020 funds from capital projects not awarded yet.

Agency reports: None

Staff report: WI Land+Water Conference virtual March 2-5, 2021, 2021 grants, DATCP SWRM allocation, Environmental Reserve Fund, other grants, other involvement, other projects and other possible projects. Report included with agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Other grants and unspent interest.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bong, second McKenzie, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Submitted by,

Susan Radzak & Ashley Vande Voort, Committee Clerks