

MANITOWOC COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2010  
Office Complex

Chairperson Susie Maresh called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

**Roll Call:** Susie Maresh, Cathy Wagner, Andy Schneider, Melvin Waack, and Laurie Burke. Larry Bonde was excused and Jim Fitzgerald was absent.

**Also in attendance were:** Jerry Halverson SWCD and Matt Rataczak, NRCS.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Cathy Wagner and seconded by Andy Schneider. Motion carried.

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Melvin Waack and seconded by Cathy Wagner to approve the April 15<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

1. Jerry Halverson reviewed a NACD article entitled "Conservation Districts – Your Community's Gateway to Natural Resource Conservation".
2. Wisconsin DATCP will start putting up 8,700 emerald ash borer traps throughout the State including in Manitowoc County.
3. A letter from DATCP was received stating the WI DATCP and LCC 2010 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant has been approved.

**Vouchers:** Motion was made by Andy Schneider and seconded by Laurie Burke to approve the list of vouchers. Motion carried.

**Conservation Plans:** Motion to approve the attached list of Conservation Plans was made by Laurie Burke and seconded by Andy Schneider. Motion carried.

**Amendments/Agreements:** Motion to approve the attached list of Amendments/Agreements made by Melvin Waack and seconded by Andy Schneider with the addition of Mark & Tina Giese, 2.6 acres CRP, re-establish trees as per agreement; no cost share. Motion carried.

**Budget Review:** Reviewed the budget ending April 30, 2010.

**Election of Vice-Chairperson:** Motion was made by Andy Schneider and seconded by Melvin Waack to nominate Cathy Wagner as Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Senate Bill 632 update:** SB632 legislation would require five counties: Manitowoc, Calumet, Brown, Kewaunee and Door, to establish and enforce standards and prohibitions on farmland in Karst areas. Senate Committee on Environment passed the bill 3-2, but the majority leader did not introduce it to the Senate floor.

**Livestock Facility Siting Report:** Jerry Halverson reviewed the Livestock Facility Siting (LFS) law and County Ordinance. The law established a statewide framework for local regulation of livestock facilities. The goal is to maintain local control while protecting the environment and providing farmers with a predictable siting process. DATCP recently held listening sessions and received 860 comments on the rule. Comments range from complete repeal of the law to minor modifications of the process.

**Pigeon River Priority Watershed Program**

**A. Release of Cost-Share Agreement – Susan Kracht:** Release of maintenance agreement of Pigeon River Watershed contract was granted by Jerry Halverson due to improper location registered on the deed.

**Animal Waste Ordinance**

**A. Update of violations** - Two landowner violations in the Town of Franklin for spreading manure and not incorporating within 48 hours on land with slope greater than 6%.

**FSA Report:** None

**NRCS Report:** Matt Rataczak reported:

1. A special EQIP signup for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Program will take place between June 1 and July 1.
2. Signup for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) ends June 11. The program is designed to help landowners maintain their present conservation activities and make new conservation improvements.
3. Allison George accepted a position with NRCS in Wyoming.

**Education activities:** Jerry Halverson reported that the County SWCD, Highway Department, and Sheriff's Dept. met with Manitowoc County Fire Departments to discuss road cleanup from farm machinery, road traffic and manure spills.

**Next meeting date:** The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17 at 4:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Andy Schneider and seconded by Melvin Waack at 5.50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson