

2.24.2011 Land Conservation and Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes

LCAC Members present: Karen Thayer, John Curran, Robert Galster, John Bahnub, Gary Olson, Ron Carney

Others present: Michele Windsor, DeWayne Snobl, Ryan Swatek, Trisha Wagner, Mike Goehring, Gaylord Olson II

LCAC Chair Ron Carney called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The next LCAC meeting will be held at 10:00 am on 3.24.2011.

Wildlife Damage Claims and Abatement – DeWayne Snobl

DeWayne explained that some of the 2010 claims participants had not reached their harvest quotas. The LCAC then reviewed each situation.

Olson, Bahnub motion to approve the DNR and USDA-WS recommendation granting a deer harvest exemption for Halik. Motion carried.

Bahnub, Thayer motion to approve the DNR and USDA-WS recommendation denying a deer harvest exemption for McDonald. Motion carried.

Bahnub, Galster motion to approve the DNR and USDA-WS recommendation granting a deer harvest exemption for Stetzer Brothers, LLC. Motion carried.

Olson, Thayer to approve the 2010 Wildlife Damage Claims for Friese Farms, Inc., Halik, Stello, and Stetzer Brothers LLC. Motion carried.

UWEX – Trisha Wagner

Trisha talked about the Nutrient Management Planning sessions that UWEX provides to local producers. There have been other educational meetings provided to area farmers this winter. She will be conducting more farm field trials this year and is looking for more farms to participate.

NRCS – Ryan Swatek

Ryan explained that there will likely be more funding provided to Jackson County for EQIP applications. It appears that 9 of 11 erosion control applications may be funded. Four grazing contracts may be funded also. There is one WHIP application that could be funded.

CSP has 12 eligible applications. CRP sign-up will occur from mid-March through mid-April 2011. More Karner Blue Butterfly CRP habitat has been approved for Jackson County.

Land Conservation Department – Gaylord Olson II

Curran, Galster motion to approve the Land and Water Resource Management Program cost-share agreements for Jackson County, Knutson, Peasley, Page and Maier. Motion carried.

Bahnub, Galster motion to recommend that the Targeted Runoff Management Program participants – Dobson, Jarstad, and Casper complete a Nutrient Management Plan with a consultant or work with UWEX to formulate a plan. Motion carried.

There has been some interest by Farmland Preservation Program participants to modify their existing agreements. Hazard and Giese-Moseley have had applications sent to DATCP so far.

Bahnub, Galster motion to nominate and select Clifford and Darlene Johnson for the 2010 Conservation Farmer Award. Motion carried.

Galster, Bahnub motion to nominate and select the Krohn Family for the 2010 Tree Farmer Award. Motion carried.

Olson, Thayer motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to S. 19.85 (1) (c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Thayer – yes, Curran – yes, Galster – yes, Bahnub – yes, Olson – yes, Carney – yes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:25 am.

The meeting returned to open session at 11:33 am.

Thayer, Bahnub motion to approve the annual employee evaluation for Mike Goehring. Motion carried.

Galster, Olson motion to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Bahnub, Curran motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Meeting minutes submitted by Gaylord E. Olson II