

8.26.2011 Jackson County Land Conservation and Agriculture Committee Monthly Meeting Minutes

Jackson County Local Work Group Meeting

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

Others present: Ryan Swatek, Dave Halverson, Gaylord Olson II

LCAC Chair Ron Carney called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist – Ryan Swatek explained the reason for the meeting. He reviewed the previous 2011 EQIP information and asked for input for the 2012 EQIP criteria. More information regarding funding and final eligibility will be provided over the next few months to the local field offices. The Local Work Group provided recommendations to Ryan regarding the local priorities for funding.

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

Thayer, Olson motion to approve the 7.21.2011 LCAC monthly meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The next LCAC monthly meeting will be at 9:00 am on Friday, September 23, 2011.

Wildlife Damage Claims and Abatement – DeWayne Snobl – see report

Bahnub, Galster motion to participate in the 2011 Deer Donation program. Motion carried.

NRCS – Ryan Swatek

Karner Blue Butterfly habitat sign-up has been going on. He has been working on CRP plans. Construction has been continuing with more work yet to be done.

DNR Forestry – Dave Halverson

Some new MFL contracts, along with renewal contracts are being worked on. Emerald Ash Borer has been found in La Crosse County. DNR forestry vacancies are being filled in the state. DNR has been given the Enterprise Agency status for two years to try to operate better.

Land Conservation Department – Gaylord Olson II

Olson, Curran motion to approve the County Conservation Cost-share program payment for Tom McCormick. Motion carried.

Galster, Bahnub motion to approve the Smothers/Hentsch Land and Water Resource Management Plan Program cost-share agreement. Motion carried.

Thayer, Bahnub motion to approve the Land and Water Resource Management Plan Program cost-share payment for Knutson. Motion carried.

Curran, Galster motion to approve the Notice of Discharge cost-share agreement for Fred and Debra Pyka. Motion carried.

Bahnub, Galster motion to approve the Targeted Runoff Management Grant Program cost-share payments for Casper and Hoeschele. Motion carried.

Bahnub, Galster motion to approve the proposed 2012 Land Conservation Department budget as presented. Motion carried.

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

Bahnub, Galster motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Minutes submitted by Gaylord E. Olson II – County Conservationist