

Meeting Notice
Forest County Land Conservation Committee
Wednesday, June 13th, 2018
Room 107 County Boardroom 2:00 P.M.

Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Approval of the Last Minutes

5. Discussion on issues with DATCP- (possible appearance by DATCP staff)

- E-mails from and to Richard Castelnovo
- Issues with original SWRM Grant Application
- Issues and discussion about review intensity of the Land and Water Plan
- Allowable uses for SWRM Staffing Grant.
- Discussion on limitations of DATCP programs in Forest County

6. Discussion on Updated DATCP Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) Grant Application for staff and support funds

7. Discussion on Lidar and GIS Mapping

- Tax Status Maps
- Lidar Potential Uses- LCC sample maps
- LCC Agricultural Land Maps and property listings
- LCC Non-MFL Landowner Maps and property listings

8. Discussion and possible action on partners and potential additional programs/projects

A. Discussion and Potential Action on Forest County Town's Association-

- Contact with TU initiated by LC Department on finding potential projects-
- LC Department provided information at County Chapter Town's association meeting, maps and info on Lidar, GIS and also DATCP cost share.
- Stream Crossing and Erosion Project identification potential-
- GIS and Lidar key to providing info for Town's
- DATCP, USFS Stewardship Agreements, Town Road Funds possible
- Potential committee approval of direction to begin establishment of Town Road Crew workshop to help identify projects- establish a listing of future projects

B. Discussion and Potential Action on Trout Unlimited- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Project-

- Contact with TU initiated by LC Department on finding potential projects-
- TU provided information at NCLWCA meeting, guest speaker sponsored by FC
- partner group established through contacts including TU, USFS and TNC
- Headwaters with Peshtigo, Pine and Popple Rivers priority
- Stream Barriers to Trout and aquatic wildlife
- Completed projects in Blackwell in coop with USFS
- Priority Projects across the county
- Provide assistance in design and possibly some cost share based upon their priorities
- Potential committee approval of direction to begin working with TU for projects with Towns and private roads

C. Discussion and Potential Action on Nature Conservancy- Swanson/Hanson Creek Project-

- No request from TNC but contact made from TNC because of contacts already made with USFS and TU
- Trout Stream Improvement Project- Nelligan's Pond Area- see project description from Nature Conservancy in Packet
- Cut tag alder and create brush bundles to stabilize and narrow stream
- Funded by an private endowment from a hunting/ fishing club in Forest County
- Project now only on USFS lands but some private inholdings that could use the same improvement
- Potential committee approval of direction to begin working with Nature Conservancy for this project with contact to private landowners with potential for cost share from DATCP, NRCS

D. Discussion and Potential Action on Forest County Association of Lakes-

- Assistance request from LC Department on finding potential projects (presented by Al Murray at monthly meeting of FCAL)
- Robert's Lake Association Identified project near Robert's Lake Resort and referred landowner to call- see letter e-mail letter of support from Robert's Lake Association
- Land owner called and made contact, has interest in erosion issue near his parking lot/boat landing- site visited 5/29/2018
- Project has potential for DATCP Cost Share
- Potential committee approval of direction to begin working with landowner and DATCP for potential cost share on project.

E. Discussion and Potential Action on Laona School Forest- Demonstration Project

- Contact with Michelle from UWEX- looking for projects that would interest children groups.
- Discussion went to conversation about what the Laona School Forest traditionally had as part of it including trout stream improvements, plant and tree identification and the walking trail.
- There is interest in bringing this trail back into use with that school forest being the only school forest with a trout stream.

- Laona School Forest is on the scenic byway and also a historical marker as the first school forest in Wisconsin.
- Potential committee approval of direction to begin working with Laona School and potential design and funding partners to re-establish educational components of the Laona School forest.

9. Discussion and Possible Approval on Land Conservation Department Structure and Employees

- Discussion and possible approval of official splitting Land and Water (Zoning) and Land and Water Conservation Departments
- Discussion and Possible approval of updated Land and Water Conservation Director/County Conservationist Job Description
- Committee recommendations to personnel committee

10. Discussion and Possible Approval of Citizen Members to the Committee

- Prior committee had one FSA member and one citizen alternate
- In the April 12th meeting two citizens that are interested in being active in the committee. One citizen (Larry Sommers) was approved by the LCC however that appointment was never officially appointed by the County board. Citizen members often work well for attendance at the various groups that the LCC is part of including the Lumberjack RC&D and the North Central Land and Water Conservation Association.
- Discussion and possible approval of adding 2 citizen members as part of the Land Conservation Committee.
- Discussion and possible approval of committee recommendation of two citizens to be forwarded to the full County Board.

11. Discussion on Other Issues as Identified by Committee Members- Future agenda items

12. Adjourn

Notice was faxed to the media (Forest Republican) on Monday, June 4th, 2018. Agenda was posted to the public at the east/west entrances of the Forest County Courthouse and to the Web at www.co.forest.wi.gov on the same day.

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