

Meeting Minutes
Forest County Land Conservation Committee
Tuesday, May 6th, 2014

1. The call to order was given by Chairman Paul Millan at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6th, 2014.
2. The roll was called and the following members were present, Paul Millan, Mike Albrecht, Larry Sommers and Dave Bula. Member Jim Stormer was absent. Administrator Pam LaBine was present and Dell Baumgartner was in the audience.
3. Motion by Dave Bula to approve the agenda, second by Mike Albrecht, all in favor, motion approved.
4. There were no minutes written from the February 2014 meeting.
5. Discussion was held on the reinstatement of non-metallic fees. Administrator said they were deleted from the zoning list of fees when the program was forwarded to LCC. They were not adopted there and this must be done. Fees will not increase. The committee agreed and a date of June 4th, 2014 was set for the public hearing. Motion by Mike Albrecht to send the fee listing for the non-metallic program to public hearing, second by Dave Bula, all in favor, motion approved.
6. The administrator gave her report on the non-metallic program. She stated that after her audit the program was short two pits and money has not been paid to the state by the March 31st date. She has contacted the state and they have given her an additional 30 days to GPS the pits and pay what is owed to the state. Bonds have to be increased on a few pits. Motion by Mike Albrecht to back pay the administrator from April 1st, to April 15th as she was already working on the program already, second by Larry Sommer, all in favor, motion approved.
7. Discussion was held on the required inspections for Bog Brook dam. The administrator informed the committee that in the past the dam had been inspected by the DNR. That person has since retired and a letter instructing the county on what steps they will have to take this year and the next ten to stay in compliance. The letter is attached. Discussion was held by members concerning the bid process for this inspection. As this is a service no bid is necessary but comparisons should be made. The administrator is to contact J. Houle, a local engineer, for information. Motion by Mike Albrecht to solicit bids for the inspection of Bog Brook Dam, second by Larry Sommer, all in favor, motion approved.
8. Discussion was held on the Farmland Preservation Program. A letter was sent from DATCP concerning the program and it is included. The difference between exclusive ag zoning and the current situation was discussed. Currently to be eligible for tax breaks the farmer must sign an agreement that locks them in for 25 years. If we institute exclusive ag zoning, farmers that find themselves in difficulty can apply to remove themselves from the program with a simple zoning change. Motion by Mike Albrecht to continue with the update on the program and go to NCWRPC for help with the drafting, second by Dave Bula, all in favor, motion approved.
9. Discussion was held on the current Land and Water Plan. The administrator said she would like to see an addition to the plan that addresses ageing waterways. The Pine Lake Rehabilitation District will meet on Thursday to discuss dredging of the lake.

This is not the only lake that is ageing and the district wants to dredge. The members of Arbutus Lake Association will also be attending this meeting. The members discussed man made waterways and the language that could possibly be placed in the plan to help. Motion by Larry Sommer to use language that indicates the need to restore and maintain water bodies, second by Mike Albrecht, all in favor, motion approved. The administrator is directed to look at the plan and see if there are any other areas that can be improved.

10. Discussion was held on the printing an information 4 page newspaper the administrator wants to print. It will be an add-in to the Pioneer Express once per year. It will contain information on the current recycling hours, who to call for information on county programs and the like. It will be something people will keep. Jill Krueger will help by adding the farmer's market and other info. Cost is estimated to be 375.00 for 7k papers. Motion by Dave Bula to proceed with this project, second by Larry Sommer, all in favor, motion approved.
11. Discussion was held on the use of cost share funds. The administrator told the committee that there is 20K of funds earmarked for two projects held over from last year. One was a shoreline restoration and the other was a farm berm. The money could only be used for these approved projects and no other. This year there is 10K available for cost share. The committee has to approve its use. The administrator described a culvert replacement job in the town of Nashville that drains almost 6K of watershed. The culvert is placed wrong and is backing up water clear to Roberts Lake. If they were replaced the stream would return to its normal bed and flow. Motion by Dave Bula to approve this cost share project, second by Larry Sommer, all in favor, motion approved.
12. Discussion was held on future agenda items. Committee members would like to see the applications for the new conservation technician. The next meeting will be after the public hearing on June 4th at 5:00 p.m. Further discussion was held on the request of the FCPC to obtain class one water quality. Members asked the administrator to list questions that could be addressed at a meeting of the FCPC and Forest County.
13. Motion by Dave Bula to adjourn, second by Mike Albrecht, all in favor, motion approved.

Submitted by: _____ 6/7/2014