

Forest County Land and Water Resources
200 East Madison Street
Crandon, Wisconsin 54520
Wednesday, October 1st, 2014 5:00 p.m. Room 107
715-478-1387

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Last Minutes
5. Discussion and Possible Action on Bog Brook Dam
6. Discussion and Possible action on town of Laona Gravel Pit Application
7. Discussion and Possible Action on Speaking and Poster Contest 2015.
8. Discussion and Possible action on Clean Sweep Grant App.

Notice was faxed to the media (Forest Republican) on Thursday, September 24th, 2014.
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.

Posted by: 
Forest County Land and Water Resource Administrator

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Meeting Minutes
Forest County Land Conservation Committee
Wednesday, October 1st, 2014

1. The call to order was given by Chairman Paul Millan at 5:00pm in County Board Room 107 of the Forest County Courthouse.
2. The roll was called and the members present Included Paul Millan, Dave Bula, Mike Albrecht, Larry Sommer. Administrator Pam Labine and Technician Bill Lester along with Mike Hess were also present.
3. Pam requested that we discuss Agenda Item #6 first regarding the Laona gravel pit application and then add an additional item to the agenda regarding the DATCP cost share projects update. Motion to approve updated agenda by Mike Albrecht, Second by Larry Sommer, all in favor, motion approved.
4. Motion by Larry Sommer to approve minutes of last meeting. Second by Dave Bula, all in favor. Motion approved.
5. Discussion was held in regards to the Town of Laona gravel pit Reclamation permit. Mike Hess stated that the Laona Non-Metallic pit would sell the gravel and once depleted it would like to convert to an industrial/commercial pit with a self-sustaining water drainage plan. When the time comes the town of Laona would come up with the plan. At this time it qualifies for a general permit because the water will pool at the bottom of the pit and doesn't leave the site. It is currently in Rhinelander for approval. The pit is approx. 5 acres and at this rate it's estimated to be 15-20 years before it can be converted. By law there must be a notice in the paper and a public hearing upon request. If no Public hearing is requested the permit will automatically be approved. Motion by Mike Albrecht for conditional use approval regarding the Town of Laona reclamation permit. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Motion approved.
6. Discussion was held in response to the failed Bog Brook Dam Inspection. Pam Labine reported and told the committee the Bog Brook Dam has failed the inspection and we have two options. Repair the dam: First we must have a breach analysis re-done. When it was first created it wasn't finished and the DNR will not accept our current Breach Analysis. It would cost approximately \$15,000 to have another breach analysis performed. On top of that we must have a dam failure analysis in order to apply for the flood shadow for zoning. Once all that is complete we could apply for the DNR permit to have the dam repaired with 50% reimbursed. The other option is removal. The DNR will reimburse 100% up to \$400,000. Pam received the attached email which requests an onsite meeting with the DNR to go over the permit. The email requires us to draw down the dam, at approx. 6 inches a day for 6-8 feet. Per request we will Post signage at the boat landing, publish a press release, and tape off the embankment with

caution tape. The purpose of the draw down is to allow the engineering company hired to inspect the dam look at the inside after its drained. Motion by Dave Bula to start the drawdown process on the Bog Brook Dam. Second by Mike Albrecht. All in favor. Motion approved.

7. Discussion was held on the upcoming 2015 poster and speaking contest. Pam Labine wanted to discuss possible prizes for the participants. Larry Sommer mentioned the use of Subway gift cards. Motion by Mike Albrecht to give the top three winners \$10/\$5/\$2.50 or something similar in equal value. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Motion Approved.
8. Discussion was held on the 2015 clean sweep grant. Pam Labine stated that this clean sweep grant is for the disposal of farm chemicals and household hazardous waste. 8 years ago Forest County did a similar chemical disposal program. Currently have applied for approx. \$6000 through the DATCP grant to help fund this program with the reimbursement of 75%. There are 82 farmers in Forest County who fill out crop reports and we request that anyone participating that they pre-register when the time comes so we have an idea of the amount of disposal waste before the event. Once the grant application is approved we will decide next steps. Tentatively the Clean Sweep pickup is scheduled for June 13th at the County Garage.
9. Discussion and update on the current DATCP Cost share projects. Dave Bula will be seeding his berm ASAP and will then be completed. The Pieschek project is at a standstill due to the DNR. Discussed the current issue with the DNR water resource specialist being difficult to comply with in regards to a survey requested. Hired Kip Soder to do the survey but was unable to complete it, he contacted the DNR water resource specialist and their supervisor with no direction or assistance from either. Now considering writing a letter to the DNR Deputy Secretary for support.
10. Next meeting will be after Flambeau Engineering inspects the dam one more time after Drawdown. Motion by Dave Bula to Adjourn. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Adjourned at 5:45pm

Submitted by: _____

Pam LaBine

From: Chapman, Barton T - DNR <Barton.Chapman@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 3:32 PM
To: Pam LaBine
Cc: Sturtevant, William - DNR; Tiffiney Kleczewski (tiffiney@flambeauengineering.com); John Rogers
Subject: RE: Bog Brook Dam Inspection

Pam –

I met with Forest County personnel at the Bog Brook Dam at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, September 30, 2014. As reported by your consultant Tiffiney Kleczewski, water is flowing around the slide gate at the bottom of the vertical riser. Flow was estimated at 5 – 10 cfs, this is a significant amount of water circumventing the mechanical control structure. The vortex created at the water surface directly above the inlet conduit is further evidence of the amount of water and energy associated with this deficiency.

The Department recommends that the County immediately begin drawing down the reservoir.

The draw down is subject to the following conditions:

1. That DNR Water Management Engineer Bart Chapman (WDNR Rhinelander Office, 715-365-8938) be notified at least 24-hours prior to the scheduled time of draw down commencement and be present for the initial phase of the draw down
2. That a competent resident inspector monitor the draw down on a daily basis by being onsite at least three times during the daylight hours
3. The draw down shall be in increments of six inches per day
4. The embankment be taped off with caution tape
5. Publish a press release notifying the community of the draw down
6. Post signage at any boat landings informing users of the draw down

The depth above the inlet conduit was estimated to be 6 – 8 feet. At a pool elevation draw down of 6-inches per day, the slide gate and riser should be exposed in approximately 14 days. The Department recommends that the County conduct a follow-up inspection of the mechanical control structure in coordination with DNR Water Management Engineer Bart Chapman.

A letter outlining this communication will be sent under separate cover. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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