

Meeting Minutes
Forest County Land Conservation Committee
Monday, December 15th 2014

1. The call to order was given by Chairman Paul Millan at 5:00pm in the employee lunch room.
2. The roll was called and the members present Included Paul Millan, Dave Bula, Jim Stormer, Larry Sommer. Administrator Pam LaBine and Technician Bill Lester along with Jim Gale, Judy Gale, Josh Jameson and Jeremy Irish were also present.
3. Motion by Dave Bula to approve amended agenda. Second by Jim Stormer. All in favor, motion approved.
4. Motion by Paul Millan to approve minutes of last meeting. Second by Dave Bula. All in favor. Motion approved.
5. Jeremy Irish presented the USDA-APHIS 2015 annual budget. See attached item labeled (*County Budget/financial Plan Forest County*) Motion by Dave Bula to approve 2015 USDA-APHIS contract. Second by Jim Stormer. All in Favor, motion Approved
6. Discussion was held regarding the Laona non-metallic gravel pit reclamation plan. Pam Labine explained that Mike Hess designed the layout. The entire pit site is approximately 7 acres and relatively long and narrow. The Town of Laona plans to re-vegetate the site behind them as they continue to expand. Motion by Dave Bula to approve Reclamation plan for Town of Laona Non-Metallic Gravel Pit. Second by Jim Stormer. All in Favor. Motion Approved.
7. A status update was given by Pam Labine on the Bog Brook dam. She stated that it ended up being a minor issue, a rock was stuck at the bottom keeping it from fully closing, causing water to seep around it constantly and creating a vortex. It cost the Forest County Highway department approx. \$7,000 a year to maintain the dam in its current state. Currently it's considered a high hazard dam that needs a revised emergency action plan, new break analysis, flood shadow, and corresponding ordinance changes. A preliminary quote for approx. \$20,000 was given to keep this dam in working order. No state funds are available until the dam break analysis and flood shadow are completed. There is money available through DNR grants to assist with the removal of the dam. Motion by Jim Stormer to go to public hearing on removal of the Bog Brook Dam. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Motion Approved.
8. Josh Jameson was present representing Mary Beck and presented an update on the ongoing boardwalk project in Wabeno. Currently the boardwalk is a barrier free, 1 ¼ mile long, ADA certified boardwalk trail. Phase 1 is complete. Phase 2 will start in June, 2015, and phase 3 in 2016. Once completed the project will have around 40 miles of walking and silent sport trails.

Already have collected over \$30,000 in grants. Asking for an additional \$10,000 from the Lumberjack RC&D council. Motion by Dave Bula to approve a \$10,000 proposal to bring to Lumberjack RC&D council. Second by Jim Stormer. All in favor. Motion Approved

Further discussion was held regarding the issue of internal loading on Pine Lake. We are concerned the lake is over the State/EPA TMDL (total maximum daily load). Motion by Larry Sommer to facilitate grant application for dredging equipment and operations in Forest County. Second by Dave Bula. All in favor. Motion Approved

9. Bill Lester presented the committee with a DATCP (WI Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection) 2014-2015 extension request to carry over two contracts we have yet to complete. One being the culvert replacement on Jungle Lake road in the Town of Nashville. The other is Leon & Mary Pieschek shoreline restoration on Pine Lake. Motion by Jim Stormer to approve the extension of the 2014 cost share contracts. Second by Dave. All in favor. Motion Approved
10. Discussion was held regarding the survey bill that arose during the Pieschek project. The DNR told the surveyor to “re-create” the bulkhead line. The survey findings didn’t match the original numbers so we were unable to use the survey, will write letter to surveyor letting him know we are pursuing available funds. Motion by Larry Sommer to pursue funding for survey bill. Second by Dave Bula. All in favor. Motion Approved
11. Discussion was held regarding future items, these items were;
 - Discuss possibility of adjusting non-metallic bonding based on individual pit sites.
 - January we are starting the farmland preservation plan.
 - Calling the Land and Water Advisory Committee to meet (motion previously approved)
12. Motion by Dave Bula to Adjourn. Second by Larry Sommer. All in Favor. Adjourned at 5:45pm

Submitted by: _____