

Meeting Minutes
Forest County Land Conservation Committee
Tuesday, August 25th, 2015

1. The call to order was given by Chairman Millan at 5:15 p.m. in room 107 of the Forest County Courthouse.
2. The Roll was called; members present were Chairman Paul Millan, Committee members Lance Laabs, Larry Sommer, & Dave Bula. Farmland preservation Advisory Committee members included, Ed Mckeauge, Bob Nelson, Janet Dykowski, Gerald Meadow, & Steve Nelson. Administrator Pam LaBine and Technician Bill Lester were also present.
3. Motion by Dave Bula to approve Amended Agenda. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Motion approved.
4. Motion by Larry Sommer to approve last meeting minutes. Second by Lance Laabs. All in favor. Motion approved.
5. Discussion was held regarding the Farmland Preservation plan (FPP). Pam LaBine informed the committee members that the FPP was sent out to the technical advisory committee for review. Steve Nelson with the UW Extension replied with some very valid comments/suggestions to be added to the Goals, Objectives, & Policies pages 28-30 of the plan. Some of these include; Niche crops and livestock operations, hoop house, geothermal, & hydroponic greenhouse production, maple syrup production, minnow production, deer elk & bison production farms, & fur bearing farms, etc... The plan has been updated to incorporate these into the plan. Motion by Dave Bula to forward updated Farmland Preservation Plan to DATCP for review. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Motion approved.
6. Discussion was held on the Deer Donation Agreement. Pam LaBine explained that this is a pre-participation letter, and that we need to find another processor in the northern part of the county as we currently only have Schaefer's who are participating in this program. Motion by Lance Laabs to approve and sign the pre-participation agreement for the Deer Donation Agreement. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Motion approved.
7. Discussion was held on the WI-DNR W.A.P/10 Plan. Pam LaBine explained that the plan does not recognize natural impairments to waterbodies. Forest County waterbodies are suffering from eutrophication caused by decaying vegetation and dredging is the only way to uncover fish spawning grounds and bring our lakes back. A short discussion was held and all committee members agreed this was the most pressing problem with our lakes. (See attached page for Comments regarding the W.A.P/10 Plan. Motion by Larry Sommer to send in comments regarding the WI-DNR W.A.P/10 Plan. Second by Lance Laabs. All in favor. Motion approved.
8. Discussion was held regarding the Non-Metallic Resolution to County Board. Pam LaBine stated that on May 27th we previously had a public hearing to reinstate the original fees for the Non-Metallic Mining Ordinance. These fees need a motion to be adopted by/to the County Board. Motion by Dave Bula to reinstate the fees for the Non-Metallic Mining to the County Board. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Motion approved.
9. An update was given to the Committee regarding the yearly Land & Water Newspaper and the current budget. Pam LaBine stated that due to our massive

- turnout for this year's E-Cycle & Clean Sweep event we don't have enough in our budget to complete this year's newspaper. Last year's newspaper information was pretty much timeless and members of the public can still pick up copies at the courthouse. It also should be noted that the current edition is nearly written.
10. Discussion was held regarding the Town of Blackwell use of DATCP funds to possibly replace a failing culvert. Forest County Land & Water Technician Bill Lester & DATCP State Engineer Stacy Dehne recently made a site visit and determined that it would be eligible. Motion by Dave Bula to approve the use of DATCP funds to replace failing culvert in the Town of Blackwell. Second by Lance Laabs. All in favor. Motion Approved.
 11. Discussion was held on the Land & Water plan items. The Land & Water Advisory Committee met on 07/13/15. Pam asked the committee motion the wetland bank into the Land and Water plan as this committee has issued instructions to move forward. Motion by Larry Sommer to add a Wetland Bank to the Land & Water Plan. Second by Lance Laabs. All in favor. Motion approved.
 12. An update was given on the Bog Brook Dam progress. Pam LaBine found 2 different companies that offer Remote Sensing for dams. One is approx. \$8,000 & the other was approx. \$10,000. These include installation of a sensor mounted at the dam and wireless monitoring system. We were told that the companies remote sensing for 10K was way overboard for our needs and basic dam layout. We currently have 3 bids out on creating a Manual Hoist for the current dam. Lemke Industries has responded and after their recent site visit is currently designing a plan.
 13. No future business at this time.
 14. Motion by Larry Sommer to adjourn meeting at 6:25. Second by Dave Bula. All in favor. Motion Approved.