Meeting Minutes

Forest County Land Conservation Committee

Tuesday November 17th 5:30pm

1. The call to order was given by Chairman Millan at 5:30 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, Mike Albrecht, Karl Tauer, Cheri Collins & Larry Berg . Administrator Pam LaBine and Technician Bill Lester were also present. Jeremy Irish with the USDA was also present.
3. Motion by Larry Sommer to approve amended Agenda. Second by Mike Albrecht. All in favor. Motion approved.
4. Motion by Mike Albrecht to approve last meeting minutes. Second by Dave Bula All in favor. Motion approved.
5. Discussion was held regarding the yearly APHIS (Animal Plant Health Inspection Service) Contract. Jeremy Irish briefly went over the budget with the committee. See attached budget. Motion by Dave Bula to approve the current APHIS Budget. Second by Mike Albrecht. All in favor. Motion approved.
6. Brief update concerning the status of the Farmland Preservation Plan was given. Coleman Peiffer with NCWRPC (North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission) did a great job drafting the Farmland Preservation Plan as it was recently approved by DATCP. A Public hearing is scheduled for December 22nd at 5:00pm Room 107 Forest County Courthouse.
7. Discussion was held regarding the AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Tri County Agreement. Pam LaBine stated that Lumberjack RC&D recently took over the program. John Preuss is our Lumberjack Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator and does a great job at educating the public of the current invasive species issues and prevention. Lance Laabs explained a process that was demonstrated to him on how to remove some AIS from lake beds. Basically it’s a giant vacuum that sucks up the roots and seeds from the bottom of the lake. Lance thought it’s something that we should keep an eye on as the cost of the whole rig wasn’t out of our reach. Larry then mentioned that Lake Metonga did not treat the lake for Eurasian milfoil this year because it wasn’t funded and now the lakes Eurasian milfoil outbreak has tripled in size. Motion by Larry Sommer to approve the AIS Tri County Agreement. Second by Lance Laabs. All in favor. Motion approved.
8. No info at this time.
9. Motion by Larry Sommer to Adjourn Meeting. Second by Mike Albrecht. All in favor. Meeting adjourn.