Meeting Minutes

Forest County Land Conservation Committee

Tuesday December 22th 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, & Larry Berg. Administrator Pam LaBine and Jean Fannin along with Technician Bill Lester were also present. Members of the public included Gary & Tannis Bocek, Janet Dyckowski, and Coleman Pieffer with NCWRPC.
3. Motion by Larry Sommer to approve amended Agenda. Second Dave Bula. All in favor. Motion approved.
4. Motion by Lance Laabs to approve last meeting minutes. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Motion approved.
5. Discussion was held regarding the Farmland Preservation Plan. It was decided that the Resolution will be sent to Paul Payant at the Corporate Council for review and we are hoping to have this program up and running to allow tax credits for the 2016 tax season.
6. Discussion was held regarding the possible carryover of 2015 DATCP Funds. Bill Lester explained that we have a signed contract with the Town of Laona to help with the erosion problem at the Silver lake Boat landing. Bill and Stacy Dehne (DATCP Engineer) will be designing the project this winter and construction should be early next year. Motion by Larry Sommer to carryover $9162 of 2015 cost share funds into 2016 for the use on the Town of Laona. Second by Lance Laabs. All in favor. Motion Approved. The Committee then suggested we send a letter to the towns informing them of the program and that we have approx. 10K to 15K of available funds county wide for potential eligible projects.
7. Pam LaBine stated that Fred at NCWRPC (North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission) is willing to help with the Land & Water plan. Will be scheduling a tentative meeting for the Citizens Advisory Committee on January 13th 2016.
8. Update on Bog Brook Dam was given; Flambeau Engineering should have the Floor Shadow and Dam Break Analysis complete by mid-January. Once these are complete we should be eligible for Dam grant funding. The Committee entertained the notion of possible revisiting the removal of the dam if these grant funds are not available. Another public hearing will be scheduled if that’s the case. Lastly the highway department has decided not to help with determining a price per acre cost for reclamation of Non-Metallic mining operations. Will charge the standard $3000 and acre this year until a viable option is chosen.
9. Motion by Dave Bula to Adjourn Meeting. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Meetings adjourn.

Submitted by Bill Lester