Meeting Minutes

Forest County Land Conservation Committee

Monday, March 21st, 2016 2:00pm.

1. The call to order was given by Chairman Millan at 2:00p.m. in the Forest County Board room.
2. The Roll was called Members present include Chairman Paul Millan, Committee members Lance Laabs, Dave Bula, & Larry Sommer (Conference call). Administrator Pam LaBine and Technician Bill Lester were also present. Member absent was Mike Albrecht.
3. Motion by Dave Bula to approve the amended agenda. Second by Lance Laabs. All in favor. Motion approved.
4. Motion by Lance Laabs to approve last meeting minutes. Second by Dave Bula. All in favor. Motion approved.
5. Tony Smith has requested a non-metallic mining permit for a gravel pit located near Stone & Boulder. All required documents have been submitted and Public notice was completed with no request for a public hearing. Motion by Dave Bula to grant NR 135 Non-Metallic Mining Permit to Tony Smith. Second by Lance Laabs. All in favor. Motion approved.
6. An update was given regarding the status of the Bog Brook Dam Break analysis & Flood Shadow being performed by Flambeau Engineering. Flambeau is 90% complete and is just waiting for state approval. The final cost should be approximately 6K which was significantly less than originally quoted because Bill (Technician) & Stacy (DATCP Engineer) were able to do the survey for Flambeau Engineering.
   1. Pine lake Dam also needs a Dam Break Analysis & Flood Shadow performed in order to bring it into compliance and be eligible for Municipal Dam Grants. The US Forest Service previously assisted with rebuilding the northern Dam in Hiles and has offered assistance for this Dam as well. Forest County Land & Water Resources would like to assist the Town of Hiles with administrative services included in the Dam Break analysis & Flood Shadow. Motion by Larry Sommer to offer Administrative services on performing a Dam Break Analysis & Flood Shadow. Second by Lance Laabs. All in favor. Motion approved.
7. The 2016 Annual Work Plan was provided for review by the Committee. Motion by Lance Laabs to Accept the 2016 Work Plan. Second by Dave Bula. All in favor. Motion approved.
8. Discussion was held regarding Exclusive Agricultural Zoning Ordinance. In order for land owners to receive approximately $7.50 an acre tax discount instead of approx. $5.50 they would have to be in an Exclusive Agricultural zoning district. Motion by Dave Bula to consider an Exclusive Agricultural Zoning ordinance. Second by Lance Laabs. All in Favor. Motion approved.
9. Discussion was held on Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) and their impact to the environment and surrounding areas. The biggest concerns would be their waste per Animal unit relative to their acreage and how that waste is treated. Motion by Lance Laabs to proceed to define the limitations of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations. Second by Dave Bula. All in favor. Motion approved.
10. Discussion was held regarding the final stage of the Wabeno Trail. Friends of Wabeno would like the committee’s approval to ask Lumberjack RC&D for approx 10K. Motion by Larry Sommer to approve the Wabeno Trail Project to further pursue RC&D funds. Second by Dave Bula. All in favor. Motion approved.
11. Discussion was held regarding Clara Hedrich of LaClare Farms. Clara was originally from Armstrong Creek and has since been awarded the Runner-Up Best in Show at the 2015 American Cheese Society Competition. The Committee would like to commend Clara H. Motion by Dave Bula to present resolution to Clara Hedrich of LaClare Farms. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Motion approved.
12. The next Land & Water Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday April 13th at 5:00pm.
13. Motion by Dave Bula to adjourn. Second by Lance Laabs. All in favor. Meeting Adjourn at 2:40pm.

Submitted by Bill Lester