Meeting Minutes

Forest County Land Conservation Committee

Wednesday, April 13th 2016 5:00pm

1. The call to order was given by Chairman Millan at 5:00p.m. In Room 107 the Forest County Boardroom.
2. The Roll was called; members present were Pro Tem Chairman Paul Millan, Committee members Lance Laabs & Larry Sommer. Advisory members present included, Dave Kircher, Alan Flannery, Lee Lamers, and Alan Pichotta. Administrator Pam LaBine and Technician Bill Lester were present along with Fred Heider with NCWRPC. Members absent included, Mike Albrecht, Dave Bula, Karl Tauer, & Mike Hess.
3. Motion by Larry Sommer to approve the agenda. Second by Lance Laabs. All in favor. Motion approved.
4. Motion by Lance Laabs to approve last meetings minutes. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Motion approved.
5. A short preliminary resource assessment was presented by Fred Heider of North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Fred began to break down the resources in percentages we currently have in Forest County. Some examples of his were, Forest County is made up of 88% forest, 2% agricultural lands. 82% is publicly owned. 3% is made up of water, (lakes & rivers). Of those lakes we have 9 that are currently affected by Mercury from industrial runoff. 6 lakes currently have abnormal algae growth. And 1 lake has an increase in water temperature. After Fred’s presentation the committee was tasked with reviewing the Goals & Objectives and then rank them from 1-6. 1 being highest priority and 6 being lowest priority. The committee voted/ranked the 6 topics and the end result was the following.
   * 1. Remove or reduce the causes of Lake Eutrophication in Forest County.
     2. Slow the spread of invasive and non-native nuisance species.
     3. Increase the amount and quality of information available concerning land and water in Forest County.
     4. Reduce phosphorus and nitrogen loading to surface waters.
     5. Promote well planned development.
     6. Maintain a healthy and vigorous forest.
6. No discussion needed.
7. Before scheduling the next meeting, the Forest County Land & Water Resources Department must reach out to our DATCP (Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection) contact to assist us in the review, fact check, and possibly rewrite the preliminary Resource Assessment that was presented by Fred Heider of NCWRPC.
8. Motion by Lee Lamers to Adjourn. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:00pm.

Submitted by Bill Lester