Meeting Minutes

Forest County Land Conservation Committee

Tuesday, May 31st 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 Chairman Paul Millan, Committee members Lance Laabs, Dan Huettl, & Karl Tauer. Advisory members present included, Alan Flannery & Lee Lamers. Administrator Pam LaBine and Technician Bill Lester were present. Members absent included, Dave Bula, Dave Kircher, Alan Pichotta, & Mike Hess.
3. Motion by Lance Laabs to approve Agenda. Second by Karl Tauer. All in favor. Motion approved.
4. Motion by Paul Millan to approve previous meeting minutes. Second by Karl Tauer. All in favor. Motion approved.
5. The committee discussed the possible need for another member to be able to attend the regularly scheduled Lumber Jack RC&D, & the Land Conservation meetings. State Statutes allows us up to two members that are not on the county board. Motion by Paul Millan to appoint Larry Sommer to attend meetings and report back to the committee. Second by Karl Tauer. All in favor. Motion approved.
6. Discussion was held regarding the Little Rice Flowage Management Plan. WI DNR states it’s a high priority and even held a few meetings regarding the management plan but nothing has yet to be done and they have not given us a time frame. A resolution in support of the Little Rice Management Plan would indicate our concern and allow us to assist with plan development. Motion by Lance Laabs to start crafting a resolution in support of the Little Rice Management Plan. Second by Dan Huettl. All in favor. Motion approved.
7. The committee was informed of a beaver problem at more than one location. One of those being Bog Brook Dam which has been clogged 3 times already this year. APHIS was contacted but stated they do not have the time or money to assist with nuisance beaver. Even though their website states Beaver nuisances as a practice. The idea of a Beaver Excluder fence was brought up and the committee thought it was the best approach to prevent further clogging & water level issues at Bog Brook Dam. Motion by Lance Laabs to pursue a Beaver Exclusion Fence. Second by Karl Tauer. All in favor. Motion approved.
8. An update was given on the Land & water Plan. The committee was informed that most grants are tied to the Land & Water plan and in order to be eligible to apply the subjects must be covered in our Land & Water plan. We must consider this when adding goals and objectives to our plan. Lee Lamers mentioned he had past experience with Diane Hausinger who has helped with grant writing. The committee suggests we reach out and see if she is willing to assist us in writing future grants. Our first goal regarding dredging legislation and Areas of Special Natural Resource Interest must be reworded as the last round of legislation granted us relief from the designation of “Areas of Special Natural Resource Interest.” The Advisory Committee was tasked with reviewing and rewording the Resource Assessment provided by North Central Regional Planning Commission.
9. No Discussion was held regarding future meetings.
10. Motion by Lance Laabs to Adjourn. Second by Karl Tauer. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Submitted by Bill Lester