

Meeting Minutes  
Forest County Land Conservation  
Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 2016  
5:00 p.m. Room 107

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1. The call to order was made by Chairman Paul Millan at 5:00 p.m. in room 107 of the Forest County Courthouse.
2. Roll was called. Members present included Chairman Paul Millan, Lance Laabs, Karl Tauer, Larry Sommer, Al Marvin, and Daniel Huettl. Administrator Pam LaBine & Technician Bill Lester was also present. FSA member Dave Bula was absent.
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 minutes from September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Second by Karl Tauer, All in favor. Motion approved.
5. Discussion was held regarding the status of the Land & Water plan. After reviewing the plan supplied by North Central Regional Planning Commission the Committee found there were too many inconsistencies and missing a few items the committee wanted in the plan. Motion by Lance Laabs to apply for an extension of one year. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor, Motion approved.
6. Discussion was held regarding the request to rank the Lumberjack RC&D Projects. Currently there are 3 projects up for potential funding, the Town of Laona, Town of Wabeno, & Forest Counties Bog Brook renovations. At the last meeting Lumberjack requested we rank these projects in order of higher importance because there isn't enough funding for all three projects this year. Motion by Lance Laabs to prioritize the Town of Wabeno project #3, Town of Laona #2, & Bog Brook Dam Renovations #1. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor, Motion approved.
7. Discussion regarding the request to fund WI Envirothon Activities. The Committee was informed that this event/activity helps teach kids about current

environmental topics which include forestry, aquatic ecology, soils, and wildlife, along with invasive species. Motion by Al Marvin to approve the donation of \$50 to the WI Envirothon. Second by Dan Huettl. All in favor, Motion approved.

8. Discussion was held in regards to the Dues to Wisconsin Land & Water Association. Last year the Committee did not pay the dues to the WI Land & Water instead gave the local group an extra \$100 on top of their yearly \$200 dues. Motion by Alan Marvin to not pay the \$1200 dues to the WI Land & Water Association. Second by Karl Tauer. All in favor, Motion approved.
9. Discussion and possible action on the AIS Strategic Analysis Comments. The Committee was informed that comments are due by November 22<sup>nd</sup> in regards to the AIS Strategic Analysis. Currently the State is trying to determine if each county can/should have an AIS Coordinator. Currently Forest County is in an agreement with Lincoln & Langlade counties to assist each other in AIS Management. Motion by Lance Laabs to approve Pam LaBine comments to the DNR regarding the AIS Strategic Analysis, which will be shipped back to the committee for final review. Second by Karl Tauer. All in favor, Motion approved.
10. An Update was given on the Bog Brook Dam. The Land & Water Resources department has been waiting all year for Flambeau Engineering to get us the Dam Break Analysis. She was having troubles with flooding the cabin out downstream of the dam. Even though the last time the dam broke the cabin is still standing. Flambeau Engineering was given direction by the state dam engineer to include the muck in the break analysis. The combination of mud and water was flooding out the cabin and creating the high hazard dam status. A few months ago we were given a new water manager that is a civil engineer, Jennifer Jefferson. She and Miles Winkler, our dam engineer, actually took a boat out into the flowage and measured sediment. Ms. Jefferson informed the office the dam will probably be low hazard as the mud will not be modeled. The Dam has also been working properly and has steadily held its current water elevation even with the few hard rains we received. We have a RAC grant for the pier, beaver

excluder and remote sensing device. We are in the running for a 10K grant for the walkway. The dam project should be finished by June or July next year.

11. Discussion was held regarding future agenda items and meeting dates.

Technician Bill Lester informed the Committee that in order to carryover this year's DATCP Funding we will need to hold another meeting before the end of December. We have a pretty solid Farm project lined up which will include a Feedlot and Manure Storage facility. The next meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 5:00pm in the Forest County Boardroom.

12. Motion by Karl Tauer to Adjourn. Second by Dan Huettl. Meeting Adjourned at 5:40pm.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_9/29/2016