Meeting Minutes

Forest County Land Conservation Committee

Wednesday, October 11th, 2017

5:30pm Room 107 Forest County Boardroom

1. The call to order was made by Chairman Paul Millan at 5:30 p.m. in the Forest County Boardroom.

2. The roll was called; Members present included, Chairman Paul Millan, Board members Lance Laabs, Larry Sommer, Alan Marvin, Dave Bula, Dan Huettl, and Karl Tauer, Technician Bill Lester were also present along with Jeremy Irish who represented APHIS.

3. Motion by Alan Marvin to approve the amended agenda. Second by Lance Laabs, all in favor, motion approved.

4. Motion by Lance Laabs to approve Public hearing minutes. Second by Larry Sommer, all in favor, motion approved.

5. Motion by Paul Millan, to approve last meetings minutes, Second by Lance Laabs. All in favor. Motion approved.

6. Jeremy Irish with USDA-APHIS, (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services) presented a 2016 statewide summary report along with the 2018 County Budget/Financial Plan. Motion by Dave Bula to approve APHIS contract. Second by Karl Tauer. All in favor. Motion approved.

7. The committee was informed that the Land & Water Plan was approved by DATCP. Motion by Lance Laabs to send the Land & Water Plan to the Full County Board for approval. Second by Alan Marvin. All in favor. Motion approved.

8. Discussion was held regarding the progress of the Bog Brook project. The Committee was informed that the Dam Failure analysis was completed and we are officially a Low Hazard Dam. Also the Beaver excluder and remote electronic monitoring unit has been installed and successfully working. This software will alert us when the Dam hits the top of its operating range, then the department will know when to open up the dam. Pam is currently working on the Emergency Action Plan that will explain the who, what, when, and where’s of the Dams operation procedure and what to do in case of an emergency. Still waiting on the railings for the ADA accessible pier and concrete landing pad/ramp.

9. The committee was informed on the status of the DATCP cost share program. Initially the department planned to use last years and this year’s available funds for a big barnyard project. The landowner has now backed out of the project. We are left with approx. 14K of unspent funds. The Town of Lincoln has an emergency rip rap project in mind along the East side of Lake Metonga. Stacy (DATCP engineer) and Bill Lester have already looked at the project and think it’s a good fit. Jon Simonsen with the DNR is also on board and ready to go. Motion by Alan Marvin to Dedicate 14K of DATCP Bond funds to the Town of Lincoln for a Rip-Rap project along Lake Metonga. Second by Dan Huettl. All in favor. Motion Approved.

10. No Future Items.

11. Motion by Alan Marvin to Adjourn. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Meeting Adjourn.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Bill Lester