

LWCC MEETING MINUTES

VERNON COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
February 11th, 2014 MEETING  
AG SERVICE CENTER  
220 AIRPORT RD  
VIROQUA, WI

**Present:**

- Committee: Will Beitlich, Chair, Kevin Larson-Vice Chair, Jerry Johnson, Jan Ihle, John Mitchell, and Frank Easterday
- Staff: Paul Krahn, Sarah McDowell, Mark Erickson, Rod Engh, Andy LaChance, and Greg Lunde
- Guests: Michelle Engh-Coulee Cap, Sam Skemp-NRCS, Kim McDaniel and 3 other-West Fork Sportsman's Club, and Phil Peterson-USDA-APHIS

1. Call to Order  
Beitlich called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
2. Affirmation of Proper Public Notice of meeting  
Krahn affirmed.
3. Review (amend if needed) and approve minutes from last meeting  
Motion by Larson, Second by Ihle to approve minutes from the January 14th meeting as presented. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Review and Approve Bills for Payment  
Motion by Mitchell, second by Larson to approve bills for payment. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Agency Reports (NRCS, DNR, FSA, RC &D, UW-Ext., any others)  
Sam Skemp with NRCS stated that they have had a lot of waste storage requests through EQIP this year. They are currently waiting on the farm bill to see what Vernon County is awarded but he predicts it will be a decent amount of funding. He said he would have more information regarding this at the next meeting.
6. Schedule next LWCC meeting(s)  
March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m.  
April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m.
7. Audience to Visitors (procedures on back of this agenda)  
Kim McDaniel, the president of the West Forks Sportsman's Club informed the committee that they didn't know if they wanted to sell their property and someone signed the survey and returned it stating they did. The committee informed her that this was being taken care of by the Emergency Management Committee and she should go to their meeting to discuss this matter.

A this point in the meeting Krahn took the opportunity to introduce the new County Forester, Andy LaChance to the committee.

8. Wildlife Damage Claims Approval (Phil Peterson-USDA-APHIS)Derek Johnson, an Phil Peterson asked the committee to approve 3 of the 5 damage claims that he had received for Vernon County this year. The other two claims he suggested sending a denial letter to them. A motion was made to approve the three claims totaling \$13,029.35 by Ihle, second by Mitchell. All ayes, motion carried.
9. Duck Egg Wisconsin Horse Council Grant for Stream Crossing  
Engh stated that he would like to apply for this grant. He showed the committee a draft application he had been working on. A motion was made to apply for the grant by Mitchell, second by Easterday. All ayes, motion carried.
10. Approval to purchase 4-Wheeler from Sheriff's office  
Krahn stated that the Sheriff's department in the process of acquiring another 4-wheeler and if they do they might be interested in selling us one.
11. Approval to purchase Chainsaw  
LaChance presented an option to purchase a new chainsaw since the other one burnt out. A motion was made by Larson, second by Johnson to purchase the chainsaw from Effingers as quoted. All ayes, motion carried.
12. Runge Hollow Dam Repair Update  
Erickson stated that in January there was slow progress made but February had been back to normal. In the spillway they have been finding lots of big takes.
13. Property Acquisition Update (Michele Engh, Coulee Cap)  
A motion was made to enter into closed session by Easterday, second by Ihle. All ayes, motion carried.  
A motion was made to enter back into open session by Mitchell, second by Johnson. All ayes, motion carried.  
A motion was made by Easterday to put out on bids demolition or salvage of Steve Olson Property that was acquired by the County, second by Mitchell. All ayes, motion carried.  
A motion was made to send Harmony township a letter that stated that we would not participate in the rezoning of the Steve Olson property by Ihle, second by Johnson. All ayes, motion carried.
14. Approval for Interns  
A motion was made to approve hiring up to three interns depending on if they have work study or not by Mitchell, second by Larson. All ayes, motion carried.
15. Annual Reports  
The staff gave an overview of their annual reports and answered any questions the committee had regarding them.
16. Reports from Committee Members and Announcements  
Krahn stated that Bill Lehman called the DNR to negotiate about the manure release/spill.

Krahn stated that Lee Nerison told them the Frac Sand Bill is dead. He also talked about the meetings they have been having monthly with Representative Nerison.

Krahn stated that he is working revising the County Manure Storage Ordinance.

17. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting by Easterday, second by Johnson. All ayes, motion carried.