

MINUTES  
KENOSHA COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.  
Kenosha County Center, **ROOM A**  
19600 - 75th Street  
Bristol, Wisconsin 53104

Minutes of the Kenosha County Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in the **ROOM A** at the Kenosha County Center, 19600 – 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Bristol, WI 53104.

Members Present: Ron Johnson, Kim Bruenig, Dave Daniels, Judy Jooss and Marvin Drissel

Jerry Hebard - NRCS  
Kim Iczkowski – FSA (Excused)

John Holloway

Staff Present: John F. Roth  
Dan Treloar - Land Conservationist  
Dawn LaPoint – Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. by Chairman Johnson.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Members introduced themselves. (Begin #5 / Tape #1)

2. **REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 9, 2008 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

-- Ms. Bruenig made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2008 Land and Water Conservation meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jooss. The motion passed 5-0. (Begin #10 - Motion #50 / Tape #1)

3. **UPDATE ON DATCP SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT GRANTS**

Dan Treloar spoke to the committee regarding the state allocation grants stating that the Land & Water Conservation Board met and the allocation was approved and it will be going out to public hearing and we will hear back by February 23<sup>rd</sup> for final approval on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is okay now with the way it looks and the way it has affected us are: salary allocation for 2009 remains the same, our bond money will remain the same and we will have \$51,115 available for cost-share. Our segregated fund money that is used for funding nutrient management plans did go down to \$12,000.00 which is good compared with some counties that are not receiving any money. This year we have DeBell dairy that we extended money from 2008 that we are going to do some barn yard work – sediment basin and gutters. Also we may use 2009 monies with him to abandon his old manure pit/lagoon and then he wants to expand to 6 month storage which he hopes to accomplish with some EQIP monies from NRCS. He also has signed up with NRCS to have a comprehensive nutrient management plan done for his whole farm facility. We have two (2) critical area stabilizations we hope to do for Steve Wisniewski and some large grassed waterways that will be partially funded by EQIP monies and put in the conservation reserve program and we will be paying for just seeding and matting.

We have the Tim Lois waterway out in Wheatland and he is still interested in doing that. We have a waterway for Jerry Geyso and another waterway for Mark Edquist. That would spend about half of our money so far, so we need to get some more design work done and get some more interest in the program. We have \$12,000.00 in nutrient management funds and we will try to use all that money on cropland that is owned/operated by the same individual and that has livestock.

We are meeting monthly with Racine and Milwaukee where we discuss all the projects and check on the status of each one.

Then he talked a little about the upcoming budgets. (Begin #60 / Tape #1)

4. **MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -**

**- DELAY IN ADOPTION OF THE 2009 SWRM ALLOCATION PLAN -**

(Talked about already in Item #3) (Begin #510 / Tape #1)

## **- WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE AND LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM -**

Working Lands Initiative and Land Preservation workshop is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2009 at Gateway in Burlington. It would be a combined effort of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth and Milwaukee counties. DATCP brings in the speakers and helps with the sponsoring costs. (see attached brochure)

From our last meeting we had talked about the monies our WLWCA chapter provided to send two (2) individuals on the land tour to the east coast to see their successes they had with their Farmland Preservation Programs. John Holloway was one of individuals that went on the tour and he then had John speak about the tour which was October 15 – 20, 2008. (Begin #597 / Tape #1)

## **- GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION -**

The gypsy moths are back pretty much countywide. We have a spray block set up already for the Village of Twin Lakes, Town of Wheatland, Town of Salem, three (3) in the Town of Bristol, four (4) in Village of Pleasant Prairie and two (2) in the City of Kenosha. That would be 12 spray blocks covering 492 acres. The applications are in and they have all been approved, they have all been checked environmentally and will be using BTK or Foray. Which is a organic bacteria that once the caterpillar ingests it dies in 3 days. It grows in the soil and is approved by organic vegetable farmers. Nothing that can harm anyone – it is aerial sprayed and they use about ¾ gallon per acre. The cost will be roughly around \$40 per acre plus administrative fees. We have already had our press release as a Class 1 notice and a public meeting a couple of weeks ago here at this building. Bristol is also having a public meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. We have not received any objector letters from neighbors within the spray block. He has received letters from people 5-10 miles away from the spray blocks stating that they don't want to be sprayed. In 2004 we sprayed in the Town of Randall and the Village of Twin Lakes, we are not repeating over those areas. The City of Kenosha and the Village of Pleasant Prairie has set up their own spray blocks. We will have spray block observer training in April if anyone would like to attend. (Begin #2094 / Tape #1)

## **- TREE PROGRAM UPDATE**

Dan told the committee that the order forms have gone out and there are a few changes in the species of trees from last year. The prices remained the same as last year – we have 105 tree orders in so far compared to 78 orders at this time last year. (Begin #2605 / Tape 1)

## **- UPDATE SMART GROWTH PLAN -**

John Roth spoke about the Smart Growth Plan stating that we are moving into the home stretch. The deadline for the State is in June, but we will be asking for extensions. We are working with the municipalities in finalizing land use maps. We should be in good shape by the end of summer and going to the individual townships with open houses and so forth. (Begin # 2953/ Tape #1)

5. **AGENCY REPORTS: NRCS AND FSA -**

Jerry, NRCS handed out his presentation and then went through it with the committee (see attached) (Begin #2990 / Tape #1)

6. **OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW -**

Ms. Jooss brought up the topic of re-visiting the drainage districts that was talked about a couple of years ago. John and Dan addressed the issue stating that Racine County has an active county drainage board and that a portion of Hoosier Creek drainage district is located in Brighton township where the individuals are now being taxed. Kenosha County had four (4) drainage districts, two (2) of which have never been officially suspended. It requires a court decision to suspend and no one ever went through the motions. John Holloway then gave some more insight into the issue stating that he was working with Judge Kukla. It was transferred to different judges over the last couple years and so far it has not been settled. (Begin #3461 / Tape #1)

7. **CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

8. **NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

The next meeting date was tentatively set for Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. Notification and agendas will be out sent prior to that date. (Begin #4891 / Tape #1)

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

-- Mr. Daniels made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bruenig. The motion passed 5-0. (Motion #4976 / Tape #1)

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 p.m.