

MINUTES
KENOSHA COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.
Kenosha County Center, **ROOM B**
19600 - 75th Street
Bristol, Wisconsin 53104

Minutes of the Kenosha County Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in the **ROOM B** at the Kenosha County Center, 19600 – 75th Street, Bristol, WI 53104.

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

Jerry Hebard - NRCS
Kim Iczkowski – FSA (Excused)

Staff Present: John F. Roth
Dan Treloar - Land Conservationist
Jeff Yerson – Land & Water Conservation Engineer
Dawn LaPoint – Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Johnson.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Members introduced themselves. (Begin #9 / Tape #1)

2. **REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 24, 2009 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

-- Ms. Bruenig made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2009 Land and Water Conservation meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jooss. The motion passed 5-0. (Begin #50 - Motion #50 / Tape #1)

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

Dan Treloar spoke to the committee regarding the 2008 projects stating that we had three (3) carryovers for Dan Weis and William Meyers. Two small nutrient management plans that we funded, 70 and 60 acres respectively. Both of these projects are completed and paid for and reimbursements will be sent out shortly. The other is a barn yard runoff control system for Jake Debell. The plan is complete and he has signed a contract. For the 2009 dollars we have a lot of projects, but they are smaller and we have a lot of money to spend. Going down the list: Mark Edquist, which would be waterways and a potential water control structure. Bob Emery has a horse facility on Hwy 45 and we hope to install a grade stabilization structure. His facility with the horse washing runoff and the gutters all running off the buildings slopes to the south and into his neighbor, Bill Fliess cropland area where it has eroded quite badly. Bill Fliess also could also use some improvements there with a grassed waterway which he will do with us in the fall since he already has his crop in for this year. We have \$53,000 for bond monies this year. We are going to do about 292 feet of water way for Jerry Geyso which is CRP and ready to go, we are just waiting for bids. Tom Hancock, a farmer north of Jerry Geyso would like an access road over a navigable waterway and then we will clean up another catchment ditch that he keeps pouring rock into. We would like to do that project this year. We also have two (2) waterways for John Holloway and Daniel Krause. Those are designed but we're waiting for a culture resources and T & E for that and then we'll put that in the CRP program. Chuck Kieper is going to do about 492 feet of waterway and a extension or a piece near what we helped him cost share last year and that project is also ready to go with two (2) bids so far. There is a waterway for Helen Saklowski where we would help with the netting for about 1000 feet. We also have a waterway on Warren Holloway's land, in Paris township operated by Mr. Kieper. NRCS is going to do the design work and we will provide the netting. It could be about 2500 feet or more, it's really steep sloped. A couple of old projects from the past are Wisniewski/Fonk and Wisniewski/Cook. One is waiting for permission from Mrs. Fonk and the other one has a twist to it where FSA has monies tied up and Mr. Cook did not want to pay money up front for a cultural resources survey. Janice Wensell had a well decommissioning done that was \$631.00 and that is it for all the hard practice projects. For the soft projects for 2009, we had our grant reduced from \$31,000 to \$12,000. We are going to do two (2) nutrient management plans for Ron Denko and Tom Daniels. FS Conserv is going to write both of those plans so those are ready to go.

Dan has put an article in the Ties to the Land newsletter stating that he has money available and looking for larger projects to do. Then he talked about the Lois project locate out in Wheatland township that was taken care of without any cost-share monies being used.

Then he talked a little about the upcoming budgets. (Begin #64 / Tape #1)

4. **MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -**

- GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION -

Dan told the committee that there were 12 separate spray block areas from one end of the county to the other end. It was a total of 492 acres. They sprayed on Friday, May 22nd where they sprayed eight blocks mostly in the rural areas and then they sprayed four (4) blocks in the city on Memorial Day morning. The reason for that was that the FAA had required a 2-engine plane to fly over these densely populated areas because there is no room for them to ditch especially at that altitude if they had an engine failure. Hopefully the spray will work and we'll have 90% suppression. We had a bad outbreak and we have received a lot of calls from people that have a problem already and they want to get on board next year. If we need to, we will have another spray next year. (Begin #1347 / Tape #1)

- WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE AND LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM -

There will be the \$12 million for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements and that is if we do exclusive ag zoning in the county and we do an update to our Farmland Preservation Plan. It has been approved through the Joint Finance committee but it still has to go through Congress. There was also some other monies coming through from the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program that wasn't all spent. There was like \$5 or \$6 million left that wasn't getting out. We no longer have that program in Kenosha County.

As far as the salary allocation goes, that all came out of the Joint Finance committee pretty good. There was some last minute big digs into the pot of money, like 5% here and 5% there. (Begin #1770 / Tape #1)

- TREE PROGRAM UPDATE

Dan told the committee that the tree program this year was a huge success and we even had good weather, other than the high winds on the last day that just about took the tent down. We had a total of 164 tree orders, compared to 151 orders last year and 154 orders in 2007. Racine does about 300 orders, but their stock is smaller and they work out of the fair grounds for sorting and pickup. We made \$2598.00 in profit this year, so we are happy with our program being a little smaller. We work with Rock County every year where they pick up our orders with theirs and they deliver ours to us and we pay them approximately \$200.00 which is a lot cheaper than what the nursery was charging. (Begin #1939 / Tape 1)

- STORMWATER ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT

Jeff Yersin addressed the committee stating he has made a draft for other members of the Planning & Development Dept. for their review. We are looking to have this ordinance finalized by the end of summer. We should not be any more restrictive than the current Town ordinances or the DNR regulations. So, it is in the works and it will be done.

Then he gave a little resume stating that he is an engineer and that he graduated from the University of Wisconsin and then went on to work for the Village of Germantown for four (4) years as a staff engineer doing a variety of jobs. Then he worked for RA Smith for five (5) years mostly doing private development work and now he is here with Kenosha County. Then the committee asked Mr. Yersin some questions. Mr. Roth stated that the Planning & Development Dept. still has Rukert & Mielke under contract to over see Mr. Yersin's work so that we have a dual look at projects. We will keep them on board until we have a comfort level with Mr. Yersin's work product. (Begin #2161 / Tape #1)

- UPDATE SMART GROWTH PLAN -

John Roth spoke about the Smart Growth Plan stating that our grant is up this summer and we recently sent in a letter asking for an extension possibly until next summer. We have FEMA maps for floodplain coming in February and we want to make sure that we incorporate those into our Smart Growth Plan. Historically they have granted six-month extensions, we are still waiting for an answer. The actual whole program is supposed to be in effect January 1, 2010 and there are a great number of counties and municipalities that will not be in compliance as of December 31, 2009.

We are now moving into the meat of the program which is defining the land use plans for the various communities. That should be complete by this fall. We are making progress but not as fast as we would like it to be. The City of Kenosha and the Village of Pleasant Prairie are ultimately going to have their own plans, but they are going with the county for right now. (Begin # 2726/ 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 #3005 / Tape #1)

Dan spoke for Kim from the FSA office since she could not attend the meeting. They are getting out the July newsletter and they are also getting ready for our Second Annual Rural Land Owners workshop. It will be held on November 7th at the Kenosha County Center. They are hoping to have a Farmer's Market outside and a Trade Show inside. There are also three (3) Horse Workshops coming up in June, July and August. (Begin #3797 / Tape #1)

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

Walworth County will be hosting the Summer Tour this year in September. It is going to be a boat tour around Lake Geneva. (Begin #4017 / Tape #1)

7. **CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

8. **NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

The next meeting date was tentatively set for the last Tuesdays of the month (quarterly) at 10:30 a.m. Notification and agendas will be out sent prior to that date. (Begin # 4214 / 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 #4497 / Tape #1)

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 p.m.