

MINUTES
KENOSHA COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 29, 2008 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 Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in the **ROOM A** at the Kenosha County Center, 19600 – 75th Street, Bristol, WI 53104.

Members Present: Ron Johnson, Kim Bruening, Judy Jooss, Marvin Drissel
(Dave Daniels – Excused)

Jerry Hebard - NRCS
Kim Iczkowski – FSA
Jeanette Held– CRP Program

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Chairman Johnson.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Members introduced themselves. (Begin #52 / Tape #1)

2. **REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 13, 2008 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

-- Ms. Jooss made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2007 Land and Water Conservation meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Drissel. The motion passed 4-0. (Begin #119 - Motion #127 / Tape #1)

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

Dan Treloar spoke to the committee stating that our BOND money was \$62,330.00 and can only be spent on hard practices. So grass waterways, gutters, critical area

stabilization, well abandonments and then this year DATCP had a big push to get nutrient management in the plan and they did get it into the budget. So for part of 2008, 2009 and 2010 they got SEG funds that can be used for soft practices and specifically targeted for nutrient management planning. Kenosha County received \$20,277.00 for nutrient management planning for 2008. For the allocation for 2009 we sent in a request for \$98,000.00 which looked pretty good until DATCP came in and did their own prioritization and that was based on groundwater contamination events, wells that had been contaminated, run-off to streams that caused fish kills, etc. Those counties got the lion share of the nutrient management funds. We did receive \$31,900.00 in which he has spent all of it. He kind of had the whole \$98,000.00 spent so he called some of them back. We spent \$20,000.00 on three (3) nutrient management plans with our \$20,000.00 in SEG money for 2008 for Dale Elfering, Wilfred Meiers, and Dan Weiss. With the \$62,330.00 BOND monies we've done the following – a grassed waterway for Bart Ament that was 650- feet and is completed, we helped offset a barn yard run-off control system for Eugene Weis with the help of NRCS and EQIP monies they did the new concrete barnyard with a picket spillway goes into a waterway for run-off. We did a critical area stabilization for Allen Danizewski – the hillside on Hwy. 50 and specifically Hwy. D where NRCS designed a terrace plan and some fencing and we re-seeded that and put it into a swale that slows it down, spreads it out and with a rock spillway into creek and wetlands. We just completed a large grass waterway system for Charles Kiper off of Hwy 142 that was 3800-feet and that was a CRP project primarily funded through NRCS EQIP monies, but we did help offset some of the cost to the farmer. We did a milkhouse waste system for Dan Weis. We did part of a barnyard for him last year and now we did a similar waste system that collects his milkhouse drain waste and he can pump that out periodically. We did two (2) well abandonments, one for Loretta Genovese and one for Mark Eberhardt both in Bristol. The last four (4) projects he hope to finish, but if not he will extend the monies out into 2009. We have a 300-foot waterway for Tim Lois in Wheatland, a project with John Holloway would cost-share fencing for prescribed grazing project that NRCS is funding with EQIP monies. We are working with Mark Edquist on a terrace system for him. He had an old system that has deteriorated and we could re-shape that or we may install a waterway – we are waiting for him to get his corn off. Jake DeBell is another dairy farmer that would like to expand his manure storage. He needs more room – he has about a 3-month manure storage area but he would like to make it for a 6-month storage area. He has some other issues on the farm, he would like to install a new free-stall barn but he needs a clean-water diversion on the other side of the old barn. Right now there is a small run-off going down to the road ditch and going into a small wet area. We would like to put a sediment basin in that location and gutter his existing barn. Also next year, he will be coming back to have NRCS to do a comprehensive nutrient management plan and then help him with the cost of construction to his new manure pit.

As part of that, our program cannot offset the cost of a new manure pit if he has enough room to spread – which he does have, he has about 230 acres. We can help off-set the cost of abandoning his existing pit. So we'll work with him in 2009 and Mark Steinfest from NRCS is designing that. Finally there is one more waterway we are looking at looked on Edith Funk's property with the operator being Steven Wisnefski. A 1270-foot long waterway, 670-feet could be county cost-shared and 600-feet could funded through EQIP and CRP monies. If everything comes together in October he will have spent

\$61,500.00 of the \$62,000.00. Next year for BOND monies we will have \$51,900.00. DATCP is re-formulating the size of the SEG grants and also the salary allocations. They gave 13 counties who received \$10,000.00 extra in salary monies and those are the same 13 counties that got the extra nutrient management SEG monies. We are concerned that DATCP is prioritizing where the money are going. There are other counties that don't have any dairy, but they have other concerns like forestry, lakes etc. (Begin #138 / Tape #1)

4. **WLWCA MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE FOR 2009 –**

When Dan and Chairman Johnson were at the annual conference last year WLWCA Executive Director, Julian Zelazny re-calculated dues to be paid for our membership into the organization. The new formula is based on a counties equalized value. The old dues were \$950.00, the new dues are \$1485.82 and they wanted these fees voted on right away. Kenosha County voted no – most of the people voted for the increase. Two (2) counties went down below the \$950.00 everyone else went up. WLWCA is not charging administrative fees and they lost money from DATCP and there has not been an increase in many years. Julian Zelazny has offered to come and talk to the committee if you would like him to explaining the new dues structure. The committee was ok with the increase in dues to stay in the organization. (Begin #1210 / Tape #1)

5. **MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -**

- LAND USE STUDY TOUR III –

Dan spoke briefly to the committee about the SE Area WLWCA setting aside \$2000.00 for DATCP and UW-Extension for two (2) people to go on a DATCP tour to Maryland and Pennsylvania to observe farmlands set aside with different programs. We sent John Holloway, a farmer in Paris and Town Planning Chairman and Tim Cull who is a chair of Ozaukee County LCD and County board supervisor. John Holloway would like to tell us about the tour at our next meeting. (Begin #2006 / Tape #1)

- UPDATE SMART GROWTH PLAN -

John Roth spoke about the Smart Growth Plan stating that we are completing the inventory phase and now really getting into land use map inventory of what each community is doing to ultimately work towards the county land use plan. We are going out to each of the communities and getting their work products. SEWRPC is compiling that into city, village and town maps and then we are going to coordinate those into a county –wide map.

We are working on a May date to complete the smart growth plan and then start looking for approvals in June or July to meet our grant application deadline of next June 2009. It is possible that we may not reach that but they are routinely giving extensions so that is our proposal for 2009. (Begin # 2424/ Tape #1)

- GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION -

Dan spoke about the emerald ash bore coming into Kenosha County just north of Silver Lake. Some landscape stock from Illinois had been brought up here and planted in August. Usually the adult is done flying by August so that was the only good thing about this incident. The homeowner noticed it and called the hotline. The nursery that brought the stock up is in a little bit of trouble.

The gypsy moths are back again, we last sprayed for them in 2004. We did some egg mass surveys last week and he put together three (3) spray blocks in Bristol (230 acres), Wheatland (40 acres) and Salem (20 acres). We put it on the villages and towns to come up with some money for these treatment areas. It will be about \$40.00 per acre for each home owner within the spray block. He sent out all the maps and applications and the spraying will be at the end of May the first part of June for the first two instar stages of the caterpillar. (Begin #2682 / Tape #1)

6. AGENCY REPORTS: NRCS AND FSA -

Jerry Hebard - NRCS spoke briefly about his handout (see attached).

Kim Iczkowski - FSA introduced Jeanette Held who is the new conservation program technician and she started in the middle of June. She does all the administrative duties for the conservation program and works with Dan and Jerry. There was a new farm bill that got passed in May and the "Freedom of Information Act" was passed with that. It protects everybody from sharing your information that is kept with a government agency sharing it publicly. They have really cracked down on that. (Begin #3225 / Tape #1)

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW - None

8. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next meeting date(s) were tentatively set for the 4th Wednesday of every quarter. Notification and agendas will be out sent prior to that date(s). (Begin # 4103 / Tape #1)

10. ADJOURNMENT

-- Ms. Jooss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bruening. The motion passed 4-0. (Motion #4278 / Tape #1)

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.