

Chippewa County Land Conservation
Committee Meeting
February 15, 2007

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, P. Michels, at 9:00 a.m. Members present were D. Boettcher, J. Dahl, M. Holte, P. Licht, P. Michels, and L. Willkom.

Members absent were L. Marquardt.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were D. Clary (Zoning), T. Lindsay (NRCS), M. Dahlby, D. Masterpole, D. Nashold, R. Yohnk, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCD).

Others present were D. Dukerschein and D. Gullickson (CVORA) and R. Remington (WWLT).

Item #1 -Minutes/Bills/Plans/Contracts/Agreements.

The minutes from the 1/18/07 meeting were presented. Motion to approve the 1/18/07 minutes, as presented: Willkom/Dahl. Motion carried.

The LCD program bills, grant funded project bills, and recycling program bills were presented. Motion to approve bills: Boettcher/Holte. Motion carried.

There were no plans, contracts, or agreements presented.

Item #2 - Review Application for 2007 Match Grants; Hawk Metals Wetland Project; West Wisconsin Land Trust.

M. Dahlby reported that the Land Conservation Dept. had received an application from the West Wisconsin Land Trust, Inc. for a local matching grant through the Chippewa County Stewardship Program to acquire land for the purpose of protecting natural resources and establishing a public hunting area in T32N, R9W, Section 1, 12, and 13 (on file).

M. Dahlby distributed and the Committee reviewed the following:

1. Map titled: Location of Hawk Metals Property, (LCD). The map shows land owned by Hawk Metals in proximity to land owned by Chippewa County in T32N, R9W, Section 1, 12, and 13.
2. Flowchart titled: Timeline of Activity from February - June, 2007 for Hawk Metals Wildlife Area, (LCD). The flowchart shows actions which have been taken by the West Wisconsin Land Trust (WWLT) and Chippewa Valley Resource Alliance (CVORA), and those which are scheduled to complete the acquisition.

3. Proposed project budget titled: Project Budget Review for County Stewardship Local Match Grant Application,(2/15/07). The project budget is as follows:

Estimated Appraised Fair Market Value	\$250,000	
Acquisition Expenses	<u>\$ 29,500</u>	
Total Project Cost	\$279,500	
Total County Grant Contribution	\$ 50,000	(17.9%)
Total Sponsor Match Contribution*	\$104,500	(37.4%)
State Stewardship Contribution	<u>\$125,000</u>	(44.7%)
Total Project Contributions	\$279,500	(100%)

**Note: The breakdown of the total sponsor match contributions is projected as follows:*

West Wisconsin Land Trust, Inc.	\$ 84,500
CVORA - Additional Non-Profit Org.	<u>\$ 20,000</u>

4. Staff report titled: Staff Review of an Application Submitted by the West Wisconsin Land Trust, Inc. for a Local Match Grant in the Amount of \$50,000 Towards the Purchase of the 720 Acre Hawk Metals Property in Sections 1, 12, and 13 of T32N, R9W, Town of Sampson, (LCD 2/15/07). The report is an analysis of the grant request. The report concludes that all requirements, as established in the Year 2007 Annual Grant Application Evaluation Criteria, have been met by the applicant.

R. Remington, representing West Wisconsin Land Trust, Inc., and D. Gullickson, representing Chippewa Valley Outdoor Resource Alliance (CVORA) provided a detailed explanation of the project.

There was general discussion regarding the proposal. Discussion focused on:

1. The roles and responsibilities of each organization in the grant procurement, fund raising, and acquisition phases of the project.
2. Options for public ownership and custodial management of the property.

Motion to award a \$50,000 grant to West Wisconsin Land Trust, Inc., as administered through the Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Year 2007 grant cycle, for the purpose of implementing the Cedar Creek Wetlands, a/k/a Hawk Metal Products Property Acquisition, payable upon closing: Holte/Dahl. Motion carried.

Item #3 - Review Public Hearing Draft (2/9/07), of Chippewa County Non-Metallic Mine Reclamation Ordinance to Comply with NR135 Legislative Rule Update; Set Public Hearing Date.

D. Nashold reported that the legislature has made changes to WI Adm. Code NR135 and that the County is obligated to amend its Non-Metallic Mine Reclamation Ordinance to be consistent with State Administrative Rules.

D. Nashold distributed and the Committee reviewed the following material, (mailed 2/9/07):

1. Summary titled: Overview of Changes to Chippewa County Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance Resulting from Changes to NR 135 Code, (2/9/07). The overview outlines the substantive and incidental changes to the ordinance that are being proposed. They are as follows:

Substantive Changes:

- I. Eliminates outdated language pertaining to the initial adoption and implementation of the ordinance.
- ii. Amends reclamation standards.
 - Allows limited uses of slopes exceeding standard 3:1 requirement.
 - Allows for the limited use of steep quarry faces if safety is planned.
 - Requires operator to address overall safety in the Reclamation Plan.
- iii. Streamlines administrative process on fee collection and annual reports.
- iv. Establishes language for dispute resolution.

Incidental Changes:

- v. Updates definitions
 - vi. Changes public hearing requirements.
 - vii. Adjusts fees for inflation.
2. Draft Chapter 10, Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation, (LCD 2/9/07). The draft ordinance incorporates revisions to the Chippewa County Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance which are necessary to be consistent with the administrative rule changes.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on the minor extent of the proposed changes and the limited effects that these changes are expected to have on permitted operations in Chippewa County.

Motion to approve the draft Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance and to present the draft at a public hearing: Willkom/Dahl. Motion carried.

Item #4 - Review Revised Working Draft (2/9/07) of Agricultural District Special Exception Permit to Comply with State Livestock Rule ATCP 51; Consider Recommendations to Zoning Committee.

D. Masterpole distributed and the Committee reviewed draft ordinance language titled: A Working Draft of Text Changes to the Agricultural District (AG) to Retain Conditional Use Permitting Authority for New and Expanding Livestock Operations Under the Wisconsin Livestock Facility Siting Rule, ATCP 51, (2/9/07), mailed 2/9/07. Refinements made to the 12/21/06 working drafting were highlighted as follows:

1. A time frame has been established for technical review of the conditional use application (14 days). The review will be conducted to assure that the application is fully complete and supported by information that is technically sound and verifiable.
2. A note has been added to clarify that planning and design services will not be provided by the LCD for facilities that apply for conditional use permits, subject to the livestock siting rule.
3. Clarification has been added that the operator shall notify the administrative and technical authority of any alteration or management changes that may affect compliance with the standards.
4. Clarification has been added that the livestock operator shall develop and submit to the administrative authority a complete nutrient management plan within 12 months of populating their permitted livestock facility. The operator shall develop and file annual updates to this plan. The technical authority will review these plans to monitor compliance with ATCP 51.16(1)(a)1.
5. All proposed setbacks were removed with the intent that these be established by the Zoning Committee.

There was general discussion regarding the proposed changes. Discussion focused on permissive -vs- restrictive language in the ordinance, as it applies to the County's authority to establish setbacks.

Motion to approve the changes and to forward the working draft to the Zoning Committee for their review and consideration: Willkom/Holte. Motion carried.

Item #5 - Committee Communication.

There was no committee communication.

Item #6 - Public Wishing to be Heard.

T. Lindsay distributed and the Committee reviewed a table titled: 2007 EQIP Tracking Checklist - USDA-NRCS Chippewa County, (NRCS). The table is a listing of best management practices and 2007 EQIP funding requests in Chippewa County.

There was general discussion.

The next LCC meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 3:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Boettcher/Willkom.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:05 a.m.