

Chippewa County Land Conservation
Committee Meeting
April 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, P. Michels, at 3:30 p.m. Members present were D. Boettcher, J. Dahl, M. Holte, P. Licht, L. Marquardt, P. Michels, and L. Willkom.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were J. Dunn (DNR), D. Lemanski (CRI), M. Dahlby, D. Masterpole, J.T. Jensen, R. Yohnk, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCD).

Others present were P. Greening and D. Swan (Chippewa Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever).

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

The minutes from the 3/15/07 and 3/19/07 meetings were presented. Motion to approve the 3/15/07 and 3/19/07 minutes, as presented: Boettcher/Willkom. Motion carried.

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

Staff presented and the LCC reviewed a table titled: Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Contracts, Completed for Approval in April, 2007, (LCD 4/19/07). The table shows the location of the field plan(s) developed by landowners to meet the requirements of State and Federal administrative rules, under the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). They are as follows:

<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Tract</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>NR151 Eval.</u>
G. Williams	T7584	T29N	R5W	24	3.2	REV BAS	No
M. Clover	T7865	T29N	R7W	5 & 32	23.1	REV BAS	No

Motion to approve CREP field plans: Licht/Holte. Motion carried.

Item #2 - Report on Electronic Recycling Activities by Chippewa River Industries (CRI).

R. Yohnk introduced D. Lemanski, Director, Chippewa River Industries (CRI).

D. Lemanski presented an oral report. The report explained a pilot project which has been developed by CRI, Cray Research, and 5R of Ladysmith. Under the project, CRI will disassemble computer components for reuse and recycling. If successful, there may be the potential to expand the project to disassemble other electronic equipment.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on the value of the recycling effort, procedures to limit on and offsite environmental impacts, and safeguards for CRI employees.

Item #3 - Review Public Hearing Record, Consider Amendments to the Chippewa County Nonmetallic Mining Ordinance.

D. Masterpole distributed and the Committee reviewed:

1. A revised ordinance titled: Chapter 10, Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation (Cr. #7-01), (LCD 4/19/07). The revised ordinance has been developed to be consistent with recent changes made to WI Adm. Rule NR135.
2. An amendment to the ordinance which expands and further clarifies procedures for administrative appeal.

D. Masterpole reported:

1. No comments were submitted during the 3/19/07 public hearing, and no written comments were submitted during the extended period of the hearing record.
2. J. Sherman, Corporation Counsel, has reviewed the revised ordinance and has found that it is consistent with the State model ordinance. He has also advised that it may not be necessary to include additional appeal language.

There was general discussion regarding the appeal process, as provided in the state model and NR135.

Motion to approve the revised ordinance titled: Chapter 10, Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation (Cr. #7-01) (LCD 4/19/07), as presented, and to forward the ordinance to the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors: Holte/Dahl. Motion carried.

Item #4 - Review Application for 2007 Match Grant, Chippewa County Stewardship Fund; Pheasants Forever; Greening Project, T28N, R8W, Sec. 16.

M. Dahlby reported that the Land Conservation Dept. had received an application from Pheasants Forever, 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 T28N, R8W, Section 16 (on file).

M. Dahlby distributed and the Committee reviewed the following:

1. A map titled: Location of Patrick Greening Property, (LCD). The map shows the location of a 77 acre parcel owned by P. Greening in T28N, R8W, Sec. 16, subject to sale to Pheasants Forever, Inc.
2. An application titled: Chippewa County Stewardship Program - Application for Nonprofit Conservation Organizations, Pheasants Forever, Inc. (Applicant), (4/11/07). The completed application contains the information necessary to support a grant request to the County Stewardship Program.
3. A report titled: Staff Review of an Application Submitted by Pheasants Forever for a Local Match Grant in the Amount of \$40,000 Towards the Purchase of the 77 Acres Patrick Greening Property in Section 16, T28N, R8W, Village of Lake Hallie,(LCD 4/12/07). 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.

4. Flowchart titled: Timeline of Activity from April, 2007 - August, 2007 for Pat Greening Wildlife Area, (LCD). The flowchart shows activities which have been completed by Pheasants Forever, Inc. and those which are scheduled to complete the acquisition.
5. Correspondence to P. Michels (Chair, LCC), from D. Carlson (Chippewa Valley Pheasants Forever), (4/11/07). The correspondence requests that the LCC approve the \$40,000 Pheasants Forever, Inc. request for local matching grants from the Chippewa County Stewardship Fund.

D. Swan, representing Pheasants Forever, Inc., addressed the Committee.

The budget for the project is as follows:

Estimated Appraised Fair Market Value	\$160,600	
Acquisition Expenses	<u>\$ 2,500</u>	
Total Project Cost	\$163,100	
Total County Grant Contribution	\$ 40,000	24%
Total Sponsor Match Contribution	\$ 41,550	26%
State Stewardship Contribution	<u>\$ 81,550</u>	<u>50%</u>
Total Project Contributions	\$163,100	100%

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

1. The state's review procedures for applications submitted under the Warren Knowles Stewardship Program.
2. The state's procedure for reimbursing local municipalities for parcels owned by the state in lieu of property taxes.

Motion to award a \$40,000 grant to Pheasants Forever, Inc., as administered through the Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Year 2007 grant cycle, for the purpose of implementing the P. Greening property acquisition, contingent upon State or alternative funding: Dahl/Licht. Motion carried.

Item #5 - Review Status and Activity Schedule for Kemper's Woods Project.

M. Dahlby presented a computer-based report (on file). The content is as follows:

1. Flowchart titled: Timeline of Activity from November, 2006 - August, 2007 for Kemper's Woods Wildlife Area, (LCD). The flowchart shows actions which have been taken and those which are scheduled to complete the "Kemper's Woods" acquisition.
2. Pie chart titled: Kemper's Woods, Proposed Project Budget, (LCD 4/07). The graphic shows the funding sources which are being pursued and the proportion of funding which is anticipated from each funding source.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on the proposed activity schedule. Additional discussion focused on the status of state and federal grant applications and the status of the community fund raising effort.

M. Dahlby informed the Committee of an Earth Day Celebration to be held at Kemper's Woods on 4/21/07.

Item #6 - Benchmark Report on the Status of the Chippewa County Groundwater Inventory Project.

J.T. Jensen distributed and the Committee reviewed the following material:

1. Report titled: Benchmark Report on the Status of the Chippewa County Groundwater Inventory, (4/19/07). The report contains a schedule of activities that is being used to implement the groundwater inventory project.
2. Flowchart titled: 2007 Groundwater Inventory, Chippewa County Land Conservation Department Implementation Strategy. The flowchart illustrates the process that is being used to select the sample points and to record, compile, and distribute sample results.
3. Map titled: Chippewa County LCD 2007 Groundwater Inventory, (LCD 4/07). The map shows the location of selected sampling points and the sampling status of each.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on the progress to date and extent of public interest in the project.

Item #7 - Committee Communication.

D. Masterpole distributed a report on behalf of R. Yohnk titled: 2006 Annual Report of Recycling Activities Conducted by Municipalities in Chippewa County, (April, 2007).

Item #8 - Public Wishing to be Heard.

There was no public wishing to be heard.

The next LCC meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 3:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Holte/Boettcher.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.