

Chippewa County Land Conservation
Committee Meeting
June 21, 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 were K. Schreiber and K. Voss (DNR), M. Dahlby, D. Masterpole, J.T. Jensen, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCD).

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

The minutes from the 5/17/07 meeting were presented. Motion to approve the 5/17/07 minutes: Holte/Boettcher. Motion carried.

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

Staff presented and the LCC reviewed a table titled: Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Contracts, Completed for Approval in June, 2007, (LCD 6/21/07). 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>Eval.</u>	NR151
T. Leahy	T5679	T29N	R8W	29	2.5	Res Con	No	
Harrison Farms, Inc.	T3171	T28N	R20W	31	4.0	Res Con	No	

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

Item #2 - Review Summary and Public Hearing Comments; Chippewa Falls Urban Area Stormwater Municipal Plan; Discuss Plan.

D. Masterpole reported that select municipalities in the Chippewa Falls Urban Area are now required to develop and implement a stormwater management program to comply with Wisconsin Administrative Rule NR 216, and the Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System (WPDES Permit #WI-S050121-1).

To meet this obligation, Chippewa County, the Village of Lake Hallie, the Town of Eagle Point, and the Town of Lafayette have cooperated to develop a single stormwater plan and a joint stormwater management program. The joint program will be used to pursue a consistent approach toward managing stormwater runoff and flooding in the Chippewa Falls Urban Area.

A Class II public hearing was held 6/14/07 at the Chippewa County Courthouse to receive comments on the draft plan titled: Chippewa Falls Urban Area Stormwater Management Plan for the Village of Lake Hallie, the Town of Lafayette, the Town of Eagle Point, and Chippewa County, (Public Hearing Draft 5/29/07).

Public officials representing all of the affected municipalities were present.

There were no public comments received at the hearing. The hearing record will remain open to consider written comments submitted on or before 7/2/07.

There was general discussion regarding the plan and the proposed joint stormwater management program. Discussion focused on:

1. The intent of the municipalities to not assume ownership or custodial responsibility of stormwater facilities.
2. Processes to be used to assure periodic inspection and maintenance of stormwater facilities.
3. Issues of liability which may need to be addressed by homeowner's associations that assume custodial responsibility for stormwater facilities.

Item #3 - 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, (6/18/07). The report contains a schedule of activities that is being used to implement the groundwater inventory project.
2. Map titled: Chippewa County 2007 Groundwater Inventory as of June 6, 2007, (LCD 6/6/07). 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 #4 - Review Status of Activities Scheduled in the 2007 Work Plan.

D. Masterpole distributed a table titled: Schedule of Activities to Implement Plan, (LCD 8/16/06). The table contains a quarterly schedule of activities for the years 2007-2008, which are being systematically implemented to pursue program objectives as established in the Chippewa County Land and Water Resource Management Plan, (12/15/04).

The Committee reviewed the program focus and activity schedule for 2007.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on the following:

1. The status of comprehensive planning.
2. The status of the Little Lake Wissota TMDL planning project.
3. The status of the wild lakes project and lake management efforts in general.

Item #5 - Introduce Little Lake Wissota TMDL Planning Process.

D. Masterpole introduced K. Schreiber, TMDL Coordinator (DNR), and K. Voss, Program and Planning Analyst (DNR).

K. Schreiber presented a Power Point report (on file). The report provides an overview of a watershed planning process now being conducted by the DNR Western District to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's) for Little Lake Wissota.

The objectives of the project are as follows:

- Identify extent of water quality impairments.
- Measure P loads into waterbodies.
- Use BATHTUB model to evaluate P load reduction scenarios.
- Use P loads to calibrate SWAT model.
- Provide info. needed to develop TMDLs.

The next steps to be taken in establishing the TMDL for Little Lake Wissota TMDL are as follows:

- Identify in-lake water quality goals.
- Identify load reduction goals.
- Identify a margin of safety.
- Identify Reserve Capacity (if needed).
- Develop draft TMDL report.
- Public meeting.
- Develop implementation plan.
- Submit TMDL to EPA.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. Water quality monitoring results and the use of environmental models to estimate pollutant loads and lake response.
2. Public participation in the TMDL planning process and the process used to establish pollution reduction goals.

K. Voss presented a Power Point report (on file). The report explains:

1. The regulatory linkages between the Chippewa Falls Urban Area Stormwater permit (WPDES) and the TMDL planning process for Little Lake Wissota.
2. The importance of recognizing existing stormwater loads to Little Lake Wissota when establishing the TMDL pollution load allocation for the lake, and future allocations from urban and agricultural sources (% future urban pollution load -vs- % future agricultural pollution load).

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The LCC's role during the implementation phase of the project.
2. Funding sources to implement a watershed-based TMDL pollution control program.

Item #6 - Committee Communication.

There was no correspondence or communication with other committees.

There was general discussion regarding the 2007 West Central Land and Water Conservation Association Summer Tour, as hosted by the LCC 6/20/07.

Item #7 - Public Wishing to be Heard.

There was no public wishing to be heard.

The next LCC meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 3:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Boettcher/Licht.

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