

Chippewa County Land Conservation  
Committee Meeting  
April 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, L. Willkom, at approximately 8:00 a.m. Members present were D. Boettcher, C. Cronquist, M. Goettl, E. Rineck, and L. Willkom.

Members absent were J. Brost and S. Lane.

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

Other County Board Supervisors present was M. Holte.

**Item #1 – Public Wishing to be Heard.**

There was no public wishing to be heard.

**Item #2 – Consider Program Review Worksheets and Program Evaluation Criteria, as Completed for LCC Programs.**

D. Masterpole distributed and the Committee reviewed the following material:

1. Program review worksheets. These worksheets were prepared to outline and analyze programs administered through the LCC.
2. Program evaluation criteria (copy on file – LCD 4/14/09). These criteria were adopted by the LCC and used by staff to evaluate and rank services and programs provided through the LCC.

Specific evaluation criteria are grouped under the following general categories:

- A. Legal Mandates and Obligations.
- B. Relative Value.
- C. Cost Effectiveness.
- D. Capacity to Measure and Evaluate Outcomes/Programs.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The criteria used for evaluation ranking.
2. The process used by the management staff to compile the preliminary ranking.

D. Masterpole distributed and the Committee reviewed a table titled: Land Conservation Committee, Draft Priority Ranking, April 24, 2009. The table lists the mandated and non-mandated conservation programs and services administered through the LCC. The programs are listed as follows:

<b>Mandated Programs</b>	<b>Non-Mandated Programs</b>
Land Conservation Program & Policy Implementation	Unique Lands Conservation/Co. Stewardship Program
Farmland Preservation & Working Lands Conservation	Stream Corridor and Wetland Buffer Conservation Programs
Coordinated Municipal Recycling Programs; RU	County Sponsored Recycling Collection Programs
Water Conservation & Pollution Control Services (Regulatory)	Water Conservation & Pollution Control Services (voluntary)
Chippewa Falls Urban Area Stormwater Program	Community Outreach & Support for Water Access & Parks Improvement
Coordinated Municipal Recycling Program; Ordinance Admin.	City of Chippewa Falls Recycling Program
Disturbed Land Reclamation Programs	

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on the general costs and benefits of the mandated and non-mandated programs and services.

D. Masterpole and R. Yohnk distributed and the Committee reviewed the 2009 program review worksheets, as ranked by management staff from highest to lowest. The worksheets provide program and fiscal information as follows:

1. **Land Conservation Policy & Program Implementation**  
 Provides technical and administrative support to the Land Conservation Committee and County Board for the purpose of planning, coordinating, and administering a county conservation program that meets the County's local environmental concerns, conservation needs, and natural resource objectives.  
Program Mandated: Yes  
Total Program Expense: \$134,783      Tax Levy Amount: \$134,783
  
2. **Farmland Preservation & Working Lands Conservation**  
 Provides conservation planning and technical services to State Farmland Preservation Program participants and to rural landowners that intend to preserve working lands (ag & forested) for ongoing food, fiber, and bio energy production.  
  
Program Mandated: Yes  
Total Program Expense: \$50,323      Funding Source: \$29,984      Tax Levy Amount: \$20,339
  
3. **Unique Lands Conservation/County Stewardship Program**  
 Provides conservation planning services to rural landowners who intend to preserve unique parcels of high environmental or public value. Provides local match grants to local municipalities and nonprofit conservation orgs. To purchase land and conservation easements with public access for the purpose of permanent resource protection environmental monitoring, and public recreation.  
  
Program Mandated: No  
Total Program Expense: \$156,104      Grants: \$22,000      Fund Balances: \$100,000  
Tax Levy: \$34,104

4. **Stream Corridor and Wetland Buffer Conservation Programs.**  
 Provides conservation planning services and state/federal grants to rural landowners who intend to establish stream buffers and to restore wetlands on working lands (agricultural and forested) for the purpose of water conservation and environmental protection.  
  
Program Mandated: No  
Total Program Expense: \$253,615    Grants: \$198,480    Tax Levy: \$55,135
  
5. **Coordinated Municipal Recycling Program; I/E Community Outreach and Program Administration (RU)**  
 Serve as liaison for municipal recycling program. Apply and distribute state grants to municipalities that participate in the Chippewa County Recycling Program. Provide technical assistance, information and education to residents regarding methods of reducing solid waste and recyclables.  
  
Program Mandated: Yes  
Total Program Expense: \$338,333    Grants: \$324,952 (Recycling Block Grant & Recycling Efficiency Incentive Grant)  
Tax Levy: \$13,381
  
6. **Water Conservation and Pollution Control Services (Regulatory)**  
 Provides planning and technical services to the general public, and to agricultural operations (crop and livestock) that intend to voluntarily assure that farming operations will be operated in compliance with state pollution control standards.  
  
Program Mandated: No  
Total Program Expense: \$61,104    Grants: \$27,000    Tax Levy: \$34,104
  
7. **County Sponsored Recycling Collection Programs**  
 Provides a county-wide collection program to divert hazardous waste, appliances, waste tires, and pharmaceuticals from landfills and illegal stockpiles.  
  
Program Mandated: No  
Total Program Expense: \$73,199    Fees: \$34,600    Fund Balances: \$22,000  
Total Levy: \$16,599
  
8. **Chippewa Falls Urban Area storm Water Program**  
 Provides administrative and regulatory services to urbanizing municipalities to assure that urban runoff pollution is controlled, as needed, to meet EPA/DNR storm water discharge and permit requirements.  
  
Program Mandated: Yes  
Total Program Expense: \$31,385    Grants: \$9,190    Other Revenues: \$8,000  
Total Levy: \$14,195
  
9. **Coordinated Municipal Recycling Program: Ordinance Administration**  
 Administer and enforce ordinances to assure compliance with the provisions of the Wisconsin Recycling Law; Wis. Stats. 287.  
  
Program Mandated: Yes  
Total Program Expense: \$9,428    Grants: \$4,714    Tax Levy: \$4,714

10. **Disturbed Land Reclamation Programs**

Provides technical and regulatory services to non-metallic mine operators to assure that active non-metallic mines are reclaimed, and to encourage the remediation and restoration of abandoned mine sites and brownfields.

Program Mandated: Yes

Total Program Expense: \$84,786    Grants: \$22,977    Fees: \$49,940    Tax Levy: \$11,869

11. **Water Conservation & Pollution Control Services (Voluntary)**

Provides planning and technical services to the general public, and to agricultural operations (crop and livestock) that intend to voluntarily assure that farming operations will be operated in compliance with state pollution control standards.

Program Mandated: No

Total Program Expense: \$61,104    Grants: \$27,000    Tax Levy: \$34,104

12. **Community Outreach and Support for Public Water Access and Parks Improvements**

Provides general information and educational services in support of community conservation efforts; and planning and technical services to develop and improve public parks, trail, and water access.

Program Mandated: No

Total Program Expense: 13,168    Grants: \$3,805    Tax Levy: \$9,363

13. **City of Chippewa Falls Recycling Program (Subcontract)**

Provides administrative and technical services through an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Chippewa Falls to administer the City's recycling program.

Program Mandated: No

Total Program Expense: \$9,528    Fees: \$11,900    Tax Levy: \$<2,372>

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on each of the programs and service areas.

**Item #3 – Consider, Discuss, and Refine Prioritized Ranking of Conservation Programs Administered Through the LCC.**

D. Masterpole distributed and the Committee reviewed a table titled: Land Conservation Committee, Final Priority Ranking, April 24, 2009. The table outlines the mandated and non-mandated programs and services provides a preliminary ranking for consideration by the LCC. The preliminary program ranking is as follows:

1. Land Conservation Program and Policy Implementation\*
2. Farmland Preservation & Working Lands Conservation\*
3. Unique Lands Conservation/County Stewardship Program
4. Stream Corridor and Wetland Buffer Conservation Programs
5. Coordinated Municipal Recycling Program; RU\*
6. Water Conservation and Pollution Control Services (regulatory)\*
7. County Sponsored Recycling Collection Programs
8. Chippewa Falls Urban Area Stormwater Program\*
9. Coordinated Municipal Recycling Program; Ordinance Administration\*
10. Disturbed Land Reclamation Programs\*
11. Water Conservation & Pollution Control Services (voluntary)
12. Community Outreach & Support for Water Access & Parks Improvement
13. City of Chippewa Falls Recycling Program

\*Mandated services.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The ranking of programs based on program importance now and 10-20 years into the future.
2. Public support for efforts to protect working lands and unique areas in Chippewa County.
3. The value of current conservation services provided to the public (recycling collections and support for water access & parks improvement).

The Chair invited each member to provide comments and to offer changes to the preliminary ranking.

Each member agreed that the ranking was reasonable.

Motion to adopt the prioritized ranking of the services administered through the Land Conservation Committee, as presented: Rineck/Goettl. Motion carried.

#### **Item #4 – Committee Communication**

There was no committee communication.

The next regularly scheduled LCC meeting is set for 5/20/09 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn: Goettl/Boettcher. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately at 9:45 a.m.