

Chippewa County Land Conservation  
Committee Meeting  
June 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, L. Willkom, at approximately 8:00 a.m. Members present were D. Boettcher, J. Brost, M. Goettl, S. Lane, and L. Willkom.

Members absent were C. Cronquist and E. Rineck.

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

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

There was no public wishing to be heard.

**Item #2 – Approve Minutes. Review Summary of Conservation Plans/Contracts/Agreements.**

The minutes from the 4/8/09, 05/20/09, and 6/3/09 LCC meetings and public hearings were presented. Motion to approve as presented: Brost/Boettcher. Motion carried.

D. Masterpole distributed and the Committee reviewed the following Farmland Preservation applications:

<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Tract</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Status</u>	NR151 <u>Eval</u>
L. Danielson	T2972 & T6469	T29N	R6W	8	120	REV CON	No
J. Danielson	T7769	T29N	R6W	8	80	REV CON	No

Staff reported that the administrative procedures for processing these applications, as outlined in WI Stats. 91.13, have been followed and that all state and local eligibility requirements have been met.

It was noted that there are proposed rule changes (contained in the state budget bill, now under consideration), that may alter program eligibility requirements. If adopted, these changes may limit the ability of DATCP to fully process these applications.

Motion to recommend that Chippewa County and DATCP approve the applications as submitted: Boettcher/Lane. Motion carried.

**Item #3 – Review Public Hearing Comments and Proposed Changes to the Public Hearing Draft of the Chippewa County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (2009); Consider Proposed Changes and Adoption.**

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

1. Individual pages from the public hearing draft of the Chippewa County Land and Water Resource Management Plan, (5/20/09), showing proposed changes to the hearing draft, as recommended by DATCP and DNR. The changes are summarized as follows:

Section

•Executive Summary – Added text to clarify the plan was developed using a ten (10) year planning horizon, and will be considered for state and county approval under Wis. Stats. 92.06 for a period of five (5) years. If, at the end of those five (5) years, no amendments are warranted, the county may seek an additional five (5) year extension to the plan.

•6.1 Responsibilities to Address Issues of Priority Concern – Added text to recognize the public agencies and nonprofit conservation organizations that now administer land conservation related services, programs, and regulations.

•6.3 Community Outreach and Public Information – Added text to clarify how community outreach efforts will be implement.

•6.53 Priority for Public Cost-Share Allocations – Added text to provide greater flexibility in developing watershed-based approaches to implement state agricultural performance standards.

•7.12 Water Quality Monitoring – Added text to clarify the type and extent of water quality monitoring to be conducted by DNR.

•8.0 Year 2009-2012 Activity Schedule – Amended an existing table to highlight priority activities and added a new table to document the benchmarks that will be used to track progress.

2. Table titled: Table 9 - Benchmark Measures for High Priority Activities to Track Progress Toward LWRM Plan Implementation. The table highlights priority activities and contains the performance-based benchmarks that will be applied to measure progress toward plan implementation.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The contributions of the ad hoc advisory committee toward revising the Chippewa County Land and Water Resource Management Plan, (2009).
2. The changes, as proposed, through the public hearing process.

Motion to make final edits and to recommend approval of the Chippewa County Land and Water Resource Management Plan, (2009), by the Chippewa County Board and the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board: Brost/Boettcher. Motion carried.

**Item #4 – Introduce and Evaluate Program Review Documents; Discuss Issues as They May Apply to Land Conservation and Recycling Programs.**

D. Masterpole distributed and the Committee reviewed points for discussion contained in the State of the County Address (6/16/09), prepared by the Co. Administrator. The review focused on the highlighted items listed for consideration as they apply to the Land Conservation Department. They are as follows:

1. Centralize GIS services under direction of the IT Director (AA).
2. Examine opportunity to merge Quality of Life funding with County Stewardship funding (AA).
3. Review management positions relative to program priorities (AA).

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The land-based data sets and GIS-based applications routinely used by the county departments to deliver programs and services.
2. Options for consolidation, as presented, for county departments.
3. The approach that will be used by the county to advance the discussion points.

S. Lane left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**Item #5 – Committee Communication.**

D. Masterpole reported that the Chair of the Agricultural and Extension Committee has expressed an interest in co-sponsoring a summer field tour with the LCC, as an educational opportunity for County Board members. Committee members expressed an interest in co-sponsoring the event.

The next regularly scheduled LCC meeting is set for 7/15/09 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn: Goettl/Boettcher. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately at 9:40 a.m.