

AG & EXTENSION/LAND CONSERVATION MEETING
Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Members present: Jim Robb, Gene Schneider, Jay Janssen, Peggy Hainy, Dave Scholz, Ron Kardas and John Walasek. Others present: Gail Huycke, Mark Kopecky and Barbara Haynes.

The meeting was called to order by Ag & Extension Department Head Gail Huycke.

Committee Reorganization. Election of Chair. Gail Huycke called for nominations. Gene Schneider nominated Jim Robb for Chair. Motion by Gene Schneider, seconded by Ron Kardas to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Robb. Motion passed.

Election of Vice-Chair. Gene Schneider nominated Jay Janssen for Vice-Chair. Motion by Gene Schneider, seconded by Dave Scholz to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jay Janssen. Motion passed.

Introductions were held.

Approve minutes. Motion by Gene Schneider, seconded by Jay Janssen to approve the minutes of the Ag & Extension Education Committee from April 2 and 14, 2008. Motion passed. Motion by Peggy Hainy, seconded by Dave Scholz to approve the April Land Conservation Committee minutes. Motion passed.

Clerical Assistant – Vacancy, Posting and Interview Process. Brenda Oswald has posted into a position in Public Health.

2008-09 Meeting Schedule. The June 11 and July 9 meetings have been scheduled for 9 a.m.

Public Comment. Gene Schneider explained that Mr. Kopisch had questions about the 25% backfill position. Peggy Hainy and Jay Janssen would like their packets e-mailed to them.

UW-EXTENSION

Financial Report/Vouchers. Motion by Dave Scholz, seconded by Jay Janssen to approve the vouchers for payment and the Financial Report. Motion passed.

Orientation to UW-Extension. Gail Huycke reviewed the Extension orientation packets that were prepared.

Program Reports. There were no questions. Motion by Dave Scholz, seconded by Gene Schneider to accept the reports as mailed. Motion passed. The reports are on file at the UW-Extension Office and the County Clerk's office.

District WACEC Report. Gail Huycke reported on the meeting that was attended by Art Pritzl and herself.

State WACEC Registration. Gail reviewed the registration material. Board members interested in going should let Gail know if they plan on attending.

PILD Report. Dave Scholz shared his experience of going to Washington DC. Dave visited with Feingold's and Obey's office – both offices were supportive of UW-Extension. Dave shared how UW-Extension has helped build a school forest project in times of budget cuts.

LAND CONSERVATION

Evan Lund and John Obadal joined the meeting.

Financial Report/Vouchers. Motion by Peggy Hainy, seconded by Gene Schneider to approve the Financial Report and Vouchers for payment. Motion passed.

Orientation to Land Conservation. There is a WLCA training session scheduled for Hayward. Evan handed out brochures. If the board has any questions about the Department you should stop in and see Evan.

Appointment of Representative and Alternates to: NWLCA – Jim Robb, representative; Jay Janssen, alternate. **Pri-Ru-Ta** – Jay Janssen, representative; John Walasek, alternate.

Staff/Agency Reports: NRCS – no report. **WDP** – report distributed. **Obadal, Technician Report** – described his role in the department and some of the county and state programs. **Pri-Ru-Ta** – Chris Borden was not able to attend. **FSA** – Deb Esselman was unable to attend. **Conservationist Report** – Update on auditor visit, Musser Lake and Butternut Lake Groups applied for Nutritional Management Grant for 2009, school forest easement. Committee requested to receive LCD reports ahead of time to save time at meeting.

Memorandum of Understanding – Upper Chippewa Invasives Cooperative. It is missing page 2 and 4. New copies will be sent out to members. Motion by Peggy Hainy, seconded by John Walasek to approve. Motion passed.

Closed session. Motion by Gene Schneider, seconded by Peggy Hainy to go into closed session pursuant to exemptions in Section 19.85 (1) (c) Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of considering employment promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body had jurisdiction or exercise responsibility. Roll Call vote: Gene Schneider – yes; John Walasek – yes; Peggy Hainy – yes; Jim Robb – yes; Jay Janssen – yes; and Ron Kardas – yes.

3-Month Evaluation – Land Conservationist

Motion by Jay Janssen, seconded by John Walasek to return to open session. Roll call vote: Gene Schneider – yes; John Walasek – yes; Peggy Hainy – yes; Jim Robb – yes; Jay Janssen – yes; and Ron Kardas – yes.

Motion by John Walasek, seconded by Jay Janssen to accept evaluation as done by current board members (Kardas, Robb, Hainy). Motion passed.

Motion by Peggy Hainy, seconded by Jay Janssen to adjourn. Motion passed.

Submitted by:
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