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PEPIN COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

March 01, 2010

Members Present

Dan Weiss, Brent King, LaVerne Crapser and Kurt Manore

Members Absent

Jim Kraft

Others Present

Chase Cummings and Dennis Reimers

Dan Weiss, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of February 08, 2010 Minutes

Motion was made by Brent King and seconded by Kurt Manore to approve the February 08, 2010 meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

NRCS

Dennis discussed updates and happenings with NRCS. Twenty-Three applications for the EQIP program have been accepted for Pepin County.

Nonmetallic Mining Financial Assurance Bonding

Chase contacted nine counties to see how they set their financial assurance bonding for reclamation of nonmetallic mining pits. On an average, bonding was between \$3,000 and \$4,000 for a sand and gravel pit and \$6,000 for a rock quarry pit. Dan Weiss suggested organizing a nonmetallic mining operators meeting to discuss financial assurance bonding for Pepin County. A motion was made by Kurt Manore and seconded by Brent King to have an informational meeting with nonmetallic mining operators to review financial assurance bonding. The meeting has been set for Monday, March 15, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Room, Durand Government Center. Motion carried by voice vote.

Nonmetallic Mining Chapter 24 Violation

Chase reviewed the events of the nonmetallic mining Chapter 24 violation that occurred in Pepin County. Chase mentioned to the committee that the ordinance states that a landowner can be fined \$25.00-\$1,000 per day if the violation in question is not satisfied. Dan Weiss made a motion that a letter be sent to the landowners and the operator that states they have two weeks to get a completed permit submitted to the LCD or a fine will incur. This motion was seconded by Brent King and carried by voice vote. It was further discussed if LCD should offer a public informational meeting that would explain and bring awareness to others of NR135.

Public Nuisance Ordinance #179, Chapter 10

Heidi Stewart asked Chase to present the proposed changes to the Public Nuisance Ordinance # 179, Chapter 10. The committee agreed that the language of these changes is not acceptable as it reads. The LCC is not accepting these proposed changes as they still have concerns on the language stated in the ordinance.

2009 Annual Report

Chase went through the 2009 Annual Report. A motion was made by Brent King and seconded by Kurt Manore to approve the 2009 Annual Report. The report will now be taken to the full county board for their approval.

Working Lands Initiative Public Meeting Update

A public informational meeting was held in February on the new Working Lands Initiative program. Chase reviewed with the members of the committee the criteria used in the application process of the program.

Any Other Business that may come before the committee

- Brent King asked if Ella Boat Landing was considered a county park. Chase said it was not because the county does not own the property.
- Chase recommended the fees to use the county tree planter be increased to \$15.00 minimum per 1000 trees. The committee asked for this to be on the next agenda to be voted on.
- Chase summarized the SWRM grant allocations for 2010. \$62,926.00 was allocated to Pepin County for cost-share bonding and \$22,718.00 was allocated for Nutrient Management cost-share. There will be \$30,000.00 available through county cost-share.
- Chase questioned if there was a policy for cost sharing of Manure Storage facilities. Dan Weiss stated that the LCC voted January 2004, to cap the amount at \$10,000.00 for each manure storage. Chase also asked why Grade Stabilization Structures have required three contractor bids and the other practices have not. Dan Weiss suggested that all cost-sharing practices be required three bids. The LCD will only pay on the low bid but the landowner has the decision to choose the contractor he prefers.

Review and Approve Vouchers

The vouchers for February and March were presented for approval. A motion was made by Brent King and seconded by Kurt Manore to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for Monday, April 5, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the county boardroom.

Adjourn

Brent King made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dan Weiss and carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Poeschel, Conservation Program Specialist