



## **Pepin County Land Conservation Department**

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### **PEPIN COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 11, 2010**

#### **Members Present**

Dan Weiss, Brent King and Kurt Manore

#### **Members Absent**

LaVerne Crapser and Jim Kraft

#### **Others Present**

Chase Cummings, Dennis Reimers and Matt Molback

Dan Weiss, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

#### **Approval of December 07, 2009 Minutes**

Motion was made by Brent King and seconded by Kurt Manore to approve the December 7, 2009 meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **NRCS**

Dennis discussed updates and happenings with NRCS. He continues to work with the Conservation Security Program and the Conservation Stewardship Program as well as the 2010 EQIP program. He hopes to get out in the field and do some surveying for future cost-share projects.

#### **WLWCA Special Assessment Request**

Chase explained to the committee that WLWCA has requested all counties to consider allocating \$800.00 to a special assessment the organization will use to continue serving and being an advocate for Wisconsin counties. Chase explained that we did have 2009 money still available in the dues line item. A motion was made by Kurt Manore to pay the special assessment of \$800.00 out of the 2009 budget. The motion was seconded by Brent King and carried by voice vote.

### **Camping Fees**

Discussion was held on whether camping fees should increase from \$10.00 per night to \$12.00 per night. A motion was made by Brent King and seconded by Kurt Manore to increase the camping fees by \$2.00. The motion was carried by voice vote.

### **Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees (WALCE)**

Chase told the committee he would be attending the annual WALCE conference March 3-5, 2010 in La Crosse, WI.

### **2010 Cost-share projects and 2009 extensions**

Chase said that it is hoped that Pepin County would be allocated \$60,000.00 for 2010 state (LWRM) cost-share practices. He thinks there should be approximately \$30,000.00 in SEG money allocated for Pepin County. Seven LWRM contracts from 2009 were extended at a value of \$38,674.00. No SEG contracts were extended, as they were all satisfied.

### **Other Business**

- Chase mentioned that he and Bob Cropp, Extension Ag Agent, hope to provide a public informational meeting held on February 18, 2010 on the Working Lands Initiative Program and Farmland Preservation Program.
- Chase mentioned the article submitted to the Courier-Wedge on NR151 revision. He said there would be a public meeting held on this topic January 28, 2010 at the Best Western in Eau Claire, WI.
- Chase will be attending the West Central Area Meeting February 18, 2010 and invited the LCC to join him.
- Chase shared with the committee the letter he sent to DATCP voicing his disapproval of the 2010 preliminary allocations plan.
- Matt Molback, DNR Forester, joined the meeting to discuss a number of workshops to be held in area counties for the public titled "Classes for Woodland Owners." He also discussed a new program, "The Glenwood Project", offered by West Cap that provides valuable services to low or moderate income woodlot owners.
- Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association Conference will be held March 6, 2010 at UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI.

### **Review and Approve Vouchers**

The vouchers for December and January 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, February 08, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the county boardroom.

### **Adjourn**

Brent King made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 a.m. The motion was seconded by Kurt Manore and carried by voice vote.

### **Respectfully Submitted,**

Pat Poeschel, Conservation Program Specialist