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PEPIN COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

February 08, 2010

Members Present

Dan Weiss, Brent King, Jim Kraft, LaVerne Crapser and Kurt Manore

Others Present

Chase Cummings, Dennis Reimers and John Caturia

Dan Weiss, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

Public Hearing on the Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) final draft plan

Chase shared with the committee comments that he had received from DATCP and the DNR in regards to the LWRM draft plan. Minor language changes of the plan were addressed. There were no comments, verbal or written, from the public to be addressed at the public hearing. A motion was made Kurt Manore and seconded by Brent King to approve the LWRM final draft plan with these minor changes addressed and prepare the finalized draft plan and send copies to DATCP for dispersal to the Land and Water Conservation Board.

Approval of January 11, 2010 Minutes

Motion was made by Brent King and seconded by Kurt Manore to approve the January 11, 2010 meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

NRCS

Dennis discussed updates and happenings with NRCS. EQIP sign-up continues through February 19, 2010. A position for Soil Technician has been opened and should be filled sometime in March.

Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Bonds

Chase explained to the members that after he reviewed the current bonding for the nonmetallic mining sites, he found the bonding amounts very inconsistent and felt that the amount of bonding would possibly never cover the cost of a pit if it needed to be reclaimed by the county. In 2007, the Law Enforcement Committee voted on a 30% increase to the bonding for nonmetallic mining operators. Dan Weiss remarked that the LCC needs to look at the bond amounts. He asked Chase to contact surrounding counties (Buffalo, Dunn, Eau Claire and Pierce) to see what their bonding dollars are and bring this information to the next meeting so the committee can decide where our bonding dollars should be.

NR151 Rule Revisions

Chase explained to the committee that some new performance standards have been added to the NR151 rule. These standards are only in the comment process and may be awhile before the standards are adopted.

SWRM Staff Reimbursement for 2009

After reviewing the final numbers for the SWRM Staff Reimbursement for 2009, Chairman, Dan Weiss, signed the grant reimbursement form, which will be sent to DATCP.

West Central Area Meeting and Working Lands Initiative Public Meeting

Chase invited members to attend the West Central Area Meeting in Menomonie, WI on Thursday, February 18, 2010. That afternoon, LCD and the UW-Extension are hosting a Working Lands Initiative Public Workshop held at the Pepin County Government Center.

Review and Approve Vouchers

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

Future Agenda Items

- Discuss nonmetallic mining bonding information
- Update on the NR135/Chapter 24 nonmetallic mining violation situation

Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for Monday, March 1, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the county boardroom.

Adjourn

Kurt Manore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. The motion was seconded by Jim Kraft and carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Poeschel, Conservation Program Specialist