

Sitzberger called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on April 13, 2012 in the Lower Level Conference Room #1, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Present:** The following persons were present: County Board members; Ralph Sitzberger, Dennis Nielsen, Kathleen Rushlow; and others Rollie Alger, Marv Anderson, Ted Ritter, Mariquita Sheehan, and Rosemary Leveille  
The following County Board member(s) was excused: Mary Platner & Erv Teichmiller  
The following County Board member(s) was absent:  
Media present:

Approve Agenda: Motion made by Nielsen, second by Rushlow to approve the agenda in any order at the chairman's discretion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Rushlow, second by Nielsen to approve the minutes from March 6, 2012 of this committee. Motion carried, all voting aye.

**Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program –**  
Irish did not attend.

**Resolution re: approval of Lost Lake Protection & Rehab Dist petition –**  
**Motion by Rushlow, second by Nielsen to approve the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Petition and send to the full County Board. Motion carried.** The Order Establishing the Lost Lake District was also forwarded to Steve Favorite, County Board Chair with the following people being named as initial board commissioners: Marvin Anderson, Jim Ulett, and Bill Rameker.

**Lake Organizations, ER Unified Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) & Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association (VCLRA) –**

VCLRA, Alger stated that at the annual meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> they will also have a speaker from Nicolet to address the issues of property values and how the lakes affect them, causing a good reason for keeping the lakes environmentally sound, weed free and generally in good condition. Phelps Chamber of Commerce will be having a Smelt Fry on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**DATCP Business –**

The 2013 DATCP grant request was presented to the committee. **Motion by Rushlow, second by Nielsen to approve the request and for the chair, Sitzberger, to sign. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agent reports: UWEX, FSA, LWCD, NRCS, NCLWCA, Lumberjack RC&D –**

LWCD – Scholl, Ritter and Sheehan written reports (on file in the LWCD office) were presented. Ritter announced that there will be 2,800 hours of student inspectors for CBCW this summer. The training will take place on May 25<sup>th</sup> and the students will start on the 26<sup>th</sup>. He will also be working with the NPHS students on gathering purple loosestrife roots for the bio-control of invasives on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sheehan stated that she is finishing up the grant for “Good Wood”. She has already concluded 2 cost share projects and is bidding out several more.

**Out-of-county travel –**

**A motion by Nielsen, second by Rushlow to approve the following out of county travel: Sheehan on June 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Kemp Station for Aquatic Plant Management Training, and any County supervisor to attend the Lumberjack Meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> in Forest County. Motion carried.**

**Budget/Voucher approval –**

The following vouchers were presented for payment: Tom Mareth-\$3,047.72; Ted Ritter-\$579.80; William Rudy-\$7,134.40; Carolyn Scholl-\$729.91; and Mariquita Sheehan-\$268.38. **Motion by Rushlow, second by Nielsen to approve the budget update and the vouchers as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Letters and Communications –**

None were presented

**Future Meeting Dates/Items –**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday May 4, 2012 in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521.

**Adjournment –**

**Meeting was adjourned by Sitzberger at 9:55 a.m.**

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Respectfully submitted by: *Rosemary Leveille*