

Iron County Land Conservation Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, March 23, 2011  
Iron County Forestry Board Room

**Approved**  
**9/7/11**

**1.) Call to Order:** Luke called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

Present: Gerald Luke, William Thomas, Dennis DeRosso, Tom Popko, Dale Wehmas, Vernon Moore, Larry Youngs, Heather Palmquist, MaryJo Gingras

Absent: Steve Smith, Dennis DeRosso

**2.) Public Comment:** Gerald attended the PRI-RU-TA meeting in Hayward on March 18, 2011. The main topic of discussion revolved around a very reasonable possibility that the 2011 Federal Budget will not include funding for the Natural Resource Conservation Service Resource Conservation & Development (NRCS RD&D). This would mean a job loss for Chris Borden, our local coordinator. Chris feels it is likely that the Council would survive, but not the Coordinator position.

**3.) Minutes:** Motion to approve the Dec 15, 2010 minutes as drafted Thomas/Youngs. MC.

**4.) 2010 Annual Report:** MaryJo presented report (see attached summary).

**5.) 2012 DATCP Staff & Support Request.** Iron County is requesting \$112,505 for staff and support in 2011 from DATCP. We would likely see in the mid-lower \$90K of this get funded. This will be used towards a second full-time position that is currently staffed by Heather Palmquist. I will be writing a Lake Protection Grant for May 1<sup>st</sup> to capture full funding for the position. Motion to approve request and forward to DATCP Thomas/Youngs. MC

**6.) 2011 Cost-Share Agreements:**

**David & Rosella Bonino** Critical Area Planting Total \$4,896.00 CS amount \$3,427.20.  
Motion to approve Bonino CSA Thomas/Popko. MC.

**Town of Anderson** Critical Area/Upson Lake Total \$8,000 CS amount: \$5,600.00  
Motion to approve Town of Anderson CSA Thomas /Youngs. MC.

GLRI PROJECTS:

**Town of Anderson** Apple Creek Stream Crossing \$19,642.25 @ 100% reimbursed  
Motion to approve Town of Anderson/GLRI CSA Thomas/Youngs. MC.

GLRI PROJECTS:

**Town of Anderson** Weber Lake Stream Crossing. CSA deferred to next meeting.  
Motion to table Town of Anderson Weber Lk. CSA to next meeting Thomas/Youngs. MC.

**Town of Kimball** Streambank Stabilization Total \$12,234 CS amount: \$8,563.80  
Motion to approve Town of Kimball CSA Youngs/Thomas. MC.

GLRI PROJECTS:

**Town of Saxon** Access Rd/Stream Crossing Total \$23,543.75 @ 100% reimbursed  
Motion to approve Town of Saxon/GLRI CSA Youngs/Thomas. MC.

**7.) Staff/ Conservationist Reports:** Gingras and Palmquist provided written conservation reports that were distributed with agenda. Heather provided a brief update about current AIS work including preparation for the AIS Strategic Plan to drive future AIS education and outreach in the future. The Strategic Plan is a requirement of our grant program. Heather will also be working on a project for management of the Spiny Water Flea on the Gile Flowage and two other lakes in the adjacent region with Spiny Water Flea, including Gogebic Lake and Stormy lake. MaryJo distributed information from the NRA on Hunters For the Hungry game amounts and meals supplied during 2009-2010 nationwide.

**Dave Schultz (Wildlife Damage):** Provided written report.

**8.) Next Meeting Date:** April 27, 2011 at 2:30

**9.) Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 3:50 pm Youngs/Thomas. MC.**