

Iron County Land & Water Conservation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 2024
5:00pm
Forestry & Hwy Board Room

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Haeger @ 5:00 pm.

Role Call – Present: Roy Haeger, William Thomas, Karl Krall, Roxanne Lutgen, Larry Youngs, Dale Wehmas (Citizen Rep), Matt Bolen (Agriculture Technician), Heather Palmquist

2. Verify the meeting was properly posted. – It was.

3. Public Comment – Larry Youngs welcomed everyone and had each person introduce themselves as there was a new member to the LCC. He expressed that the new board would bring back dignity to the board and would treat everyone with respect, that went for staff and for board members all are to be respectful of everyone else.

4. Election of Officers – Palmquist took over the meeting during the elections.

a. **Chair** – Palmquist opened for nominations for LCC Chair. **Motion to nominate Roy Haeger for LCC Chair made by Thomas/Krall. Motion to close nominations, and cast a unanimous vote made by Lutgen/Thomas; MC.**

b. **Vice Chair** – Palmquist called for nominations for Vice Chair. **Motion to nominate Karl Krall for LCC Vice Chair made by Thomas/Lutgen. Motion to close nominations, and cast a unanimous ballot made by Lutgen/Thomas; MC.**

5. Minutes- Motion to approve minutes made by Krall/Thomas; MC.

6. LCC Training at the NW Area Meeting – Palmquist updated the LCC that on June 14th the NW Area Land & Water Conservation Association will have a meeting with training for LCC members. The training will be done by WI Land+Water Conservation Association and will be a good training for all members to attend. Palmquist can get the Forestry van to carpool so LCC members don't have to drive. The agenda has not yet been set, but as soon as it has been finalized she will forward the information to the LCC to see if they can attend. They can respond if they can make it.

7. LWCD Budget Cuts – Palmquist presented the 2024 Budget that was passed with the updated cuts that had been made to the budget. She was asked to cut 30% of the levy request. The goal was a reduction of \$22,792.00 she was able to come up with a reduction of \$23,477.25 in her budget. She also mentioned that there were other grants that she received that overall show an increase in her

budget, however, the money is shown in expenses and revenue so when looking at the levy request there is an overall reduction of \$23,477.25.

- 8. Kaari Creek Project Update** – Palmquist reported that there is one remaining culvert in this project that was postponed in order to make sure the project did not go over budget. Upon project completion in 2023 there was funding left over, Palmquist was able to extend that \$69,701 in remaining funds to 2024 and will be able to complete the final stream crossing project with the town of Kimball this year with an additional grant funded through Trout Unlimited to complete this project.
- 9. Enbridge EcoFootprint Grant** – Palmquist applied for this grant on behalf of the town of Anderson to address a stream crossing project on Caroline Lake Rd on the Tyler Forks. Enbridge awarded the LWCD \$89,000 to complete this project. They will replace this stream crossing in 2024 with funding through this grant and the county cost-share program.
- 10. Staff Reports –**
 - Bolen** – provided an oral update of the work done across the 4 county region, no-till planting being moved across the counties, will be in Kimball in June. He has been working on getting a field day set up in each county this summer/fall. NM planning efforts are going well in Douglas and Ashland counties.
 - Wilson-** provided written update. Palmquist went through, this week LTE staff (3) started, he's training all the staff for the field season. Woods and Waters wrapped up and was successful. Invasive Species program set up with many field days set up for the field season.
 - Palmquist** – provided a written report, and highlighted all the grants received, annual reporting, annual work plan submitted, and funding requests completed. 4 technical designs have been completed for the 2024 field season. She has been very active in assisting in area training group organizing professional training for staff in the northern area of the state. Assisted in holding training with a tour follow-up on culvert replacements for town and county staff.
- 11. Approve Bills** – Palmquist passed around the revenue sheet and expense sheet to the committee, Lutgen brought up an error to be changed. Committee Signed/Approved with change to be made.
- 12. Next meeting date – TBD.**
- 13. Adjourn-** Haeger adjourned the meeting at 6:19pm.