

**ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE COMMITTEE
Department of Land Management**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 13th, 2010 9:00 AM
COUNTY BOARD ROOM**

Chairman Brandt called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

Committee members present: George Brandt, Hensel Vold, Tom Bice, Michael E. Nelson, Mark A. Smick, Roland Thompson and Ed Patzner. Dave Quarne was absent.

Staff/Advisors present: Kevin Lien and Virginette Gamroth. Vickie Stalheim, Emery Palmer and Kimarie Estenson were present for part of the meeting.

Chairman Brandt stated that the Open Meeting Law had been complied with through notifications and posting.

Approval of Agenda – Vold made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Bice seconded, motion carried unopposed.

Approval of Minutes – Nelson made a motion to approve the September 8th, 2010 meeting minutes as presented, Vold seconded, motion carried unopposed.

Fee Schedule for POWTS (Private Onsite Waste Treatment System) and Storm water – Lien explained that public hearings were recently held on both of these Ordinances and Emery Palmer and Kimarie Estenson are both present to talk about each of the different fee schedules pertaining to the particular Ordinance. Palmer explained that the annual maintenance fee, in Trempealeau County, for the tracking of septic inspections and pumping will be \$3.50 per year with the exception of holding tanks. Holding tanks are requiring action by the County on a monthly/sub monthly basis, so the fee is increased to \$6.00 compared to the other systems. Palmer added LaCrosse County has a flat fee of \$4.33 per year no matter what the system is, Eau Claire County is charging \$6.00 annually for any system with the exception of aerobic treatment systems which are being charged \$10.00 and \$15.00 annually for holding tanks. Palmer stated the Dept. of Land Management (DLM) felt that the fee schedule is reasonable while holding costs down for property owners. Palmer added that at this time, hopefully permit fees will make up the difference in fees that Trempealeau County is charging in relation to other counties. Brandt inquired as to what the maintenance fees would cover. Palmer responded the fee's would cover the cost of administering the maintenance program which is the collection of pumping reports and notices associated with those pumping reports. Nelson inquired if the fee was charged annually or only when an inspection takes place? Palmer responded that the fee would be assessed annually to cover the cost of administering the annual maintenance program which is required by State Statutes. Bice inquired as to how this was going to be billed out? Palmer responded the fees would be on the tax role as a special assessment.

Brandt called on Kimarie Estenson to explain the fees associated with the Stormwater Ordinance. Estenson stated there weren't a lot of changes. The Erosion Control and Stormwater Management fees will remain the same at \$100.00 for all sites under one acre and for all one and two family dwellings which make up the majority of permits that go out annually. The big difference will be for sites over an acre and for any sites that have over three quarters of an acre impervious area (usually new subdivisions) or new road projects. Estenson stated comparisons were done to LaCrosse, Eau Claire, Waukesha and Chippewa counties and because of the rural nature of Trempealeau County the fee's set are on the

conservative end, the fee's are lower than the majority of the counties' listed. Estenson added the fees include plan review as well as the inspections during construction.

Lien reminded the Committee that all of the fees charged by the DLM are approved and reviewed by the E & LU Committee. The DLM is just trying to cover the costs for services being provided. Nelson inquired when the fee for erosion control is charged. Lien responded that Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC) requires that an Erosion Control Permit be obtained for all one and two single family dwellings or home additions which disturb a certain square footage of soil. Nelson asked what an exemption review fee was. Estenson explained that with a Stormwater plan the entire common plan of development is reviewed, so if a developer is adding on to a watershed where some of the roof drainage is entering into a stormwater pond, on an existing stormwater plan, instead of having to redo the calculations on the whole site, DLM can review it and there can be an exemption review fee. The fee is the same as one and two family dwelling Erosion Control Permits. Nelson made a motion to approve the revision to the POWTS and Stormwater fee schedule, Patzner seconded. Motion carried with Bice voting in opposition.

TRM/LWRM Cost Share Payments/Requests – Stalheim presented the following cost share payments/requests for approval. Stalheim stated there are two types of funds available through the Land and Water grants; GPR funds are used for practices such as stream banks, etc. and SEG funds which are used for nutrient management. Stalheim added, currently, all these projects are in the process of being paid. Estenson added that the Lyberg project was completed on October 13th and repairs had to be done after the recent flooding.

LWRM

Name	Type	Amount	New CSA Total	Reason for change
James Lyberg	Contract	\$3,592.61	\$3,592.61	Streambank protection
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Daniel & Sally Helgeson	Contract	\$1,344.00	\$1,344.00	Nutrient Management
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Jacqueline Nordie	Contract	\$1,733.20	\$1,733.20	Nutrient Management
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TRM

Name	Type	Amount	New CSA Total	Reason for change
Andmar Associates, LP	Contract	\$43,370.00	\$43,370.00	Barnyard, Critical Area, Heavy Use Area & Sediment Basin
Andmar Associates, LP	Pay Request	\$43,370.00		Certify all practices

Bice made a motion to approve payment of the above listed projects, Smick seconded, motion carried with no opposition.

Surveying Update – A survey report and bill was provided to each Committee member for their review. Lien stated the County Surveyor is working in T20N, R7W, Ettrick, and has made a lot of good progress as Arcadia and Ettrick are the only two townships remaining. Lien added many surveyors come to the office each week and they appreciate the information and easy access to information obtained from the remonumentation project, it makes their job a lot easier and in return it makes surveying property more affordable for the landowner. Vold made a motion to approve the survey bill as presented, Bice seconded, motion carried with no opposition. Smick inquired as to when remonumentation of the County would be finished. Lien responded the goal is for remonumentation to be completed by the end of 2012. Lien added the only thing that could delay the project is weather and tougher terrain in these last two townships.

Director's Report – Lien reported that he and Bice had met State Senator Vinehout and Assemblyman Danou at the Dale Fink site to discuss some farm issues. At a future meeting, Lien would like to discuss the history of that site and what plans could be made for the future.

Lien provided the Committee with information regarding the four public hearings already on the agenda for the November meeting.

Lien stated that Bob Pietrek, President of the Elk Rod & Gun Club, Independence had contacted him and would like to make an appearance at the December E & LU Committee meeting to discuss issues, pertaining to Conservation Aids projects, that arose due to the recent flooding.

Lien attended a County Conservationist meeting recently and a merger between the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA), which is made up of Land Conservation Committees and Departments, and the Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees (WALCE) was discussed. Lien stated that a few months back the E & LU Committee had discussed paying dues to join the WLWCA and at that time the Committee chose not to pay dues. Currently, there are only six counties that do not pay dues to WLWCA. Lien felt the consensus by WLWCA was that if these two associations were to merge then dues would be paid by all 72 counties in the State. Lien stated there is some belief, by his counterparts, that it will make the two organizations, particularly WALCE, stronger as a combined group. One issue for WALCE is that currently every member has a voting voice and with the WLWCA that is not the case. Lien provided Committee members with correspondence related to this issue.

Lien informed the Committee that a public hearing has been scheduled before the Board of Adjustment as Winn Bay Sand, LLP has applied for a height variance, to exceed 35 feet in height, required to install their mining equipment. The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd, 2010 at 1:30 PM in the County Board Room of the Courthouse.

At 9:17 AM, Vold made a motion to adjourn the meeting to attend the tour of DLM project sites, Nelson seconded, motion carried with no opposition. Lien added the intent of the tour is to provide an opportunity for staff and Committee members to interact and view conservation applied to the land. The DLM project site tour commenced.

At 12:45 PM the meeting reconvened in the County Board Room.

Next Regular Meeting Date was confirmed for Thursday, November 11th, 2010 at 9:00 AM in the County Board Room.

At 12:48 AM, a motion was made by Nelson to adjourn the meeting, Patzner seconded, motion carried with no opposition.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginette Gamroth, Recording Secretary

Michael E. Nelson
Secretary