

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Land Conservation & Ag and Extension Committee

Date of Meeting: Monday, March 7th, 2022

Chair Mr. Dwight Ruff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Dwight Ruff, Mr. Steve Nelson, Mr. John Sendelbach, , Mr. William Bruegger. Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht excused absent

Others Present for All or Portions of the Meeting:

Ms. Mattie Hackensmith, Mr. Joe Krumrie, Mr. Cale Severson, Mr. Dennis Bork, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Segerstrom, Mr. Tim Barth, Mr. John Behling. Appearing remotely- Mrs. Candy Anderson, Mr. Ryan VanDeWalle

Minutes: Mr. Steve Nelson made a motion seconded by Mr. John Sendelbach to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as sent. Motion Carried.

Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None

Review/Discussion/Action ~ Buffalo White Sands Update

Mr. John Behling held discussion on BWS providing a new mining footprint map. Land Conservationist Mr. Cale Severson lead discussion on the next steps needed which include an updated spreadsheet of reclamation costs and an updated bond amount. Mr. Dwight Ruff led discussion on the timeline of update in 30 days. Discussion was held regarding a possible sale of BWS to interested parties. Mr. Cale Severson led discussion on the mining footprint overlap and what is and is not allowed, followed by discussion of future mining footprints.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ CAPX prairie funding. Adding an extra allotment to an approved project

Mr. Joe Krumrie led discussion regarding the addition of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) to the previous allotted CAPX prairie funding for the Tim Anderson project. The project costs came in higher than expected, which led to more funding needed. Steve Nelson made a motion to allot the extra one thousand dollars (\$1,000) with the caveat that the landowner also provide a match to that money. Mr. John Sendelbach second, motion carried.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ A Resolution to Approve the Expenditure of CAPX2020 and/or ARPA Funds to Complete a Baseline Groundwater Quality/ Well Sampling Project in Buffalo County

Discussion was held regarding the project and how extra information and a plan is needed. Mr. Steve Nelson made a motion to table, seconded by Mr. William Bruegger, motion carried.

Review/Discussion ~ CCC Structure Discussion

Discussion was held regarding a CCC structure and who is responsible for paying for it. Newly found easements were located that might clarify the situation in the future.

Land Conservationist Report:

Land Conservationist Cale Severson discussed the LCD attending the 69th annual Land and Water Conference virtually and expressed many good talks and a well put together conference. Mr. Severson also stated that an intern had been hired for the summer to be shared between departments. He also looked forward to the LCD's training day with DATCP employees from Madison.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Next Meeting Date and Time:

April 4th, 2022

Chairperson's Report:

Mr. Dwight Ruff discussed needing more information on the well sampling program and that he called and discussed things with UW-Stevens Point Well Sampling program coordinator.

Public Comments Not Related to Agenda Items:

None

Adjournment: Mr. William Bruegger made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m., seconded by Mr. John Sendelbach. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cale Severson
County Conservationist