

# Lafayette County Conservation and Zoning Office



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## MINUTES MEETING OF THE LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE USDA AG CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM Tuesday, January 5, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Chairman Leon Wolfe. Others present: Bartels, Hammer, James, Wang, J. Wiegel, Bartz, Brandt, Lange, Loeffelholz, and Larson.

Larson stated that the agenda was posted in the USDA Service Center, by the County Clerk's Office, the Darlington Municipal Building, the Darlington Post Office, on the Lafayette County Webpage; and was sent to the press, WEKZ, the DNR, and DATCP.

Motion was made by J. Wiegel and second by James to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion made by James and second by Hammer to approve the minutes of the 12/1/15 LCC meeting, as printed. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Field Staff & Department Head Report:** Brandt, Sodenberg pond- groundwater fed. Scraped the bedrock. Some rain water. 3 manure spill complaints- County G & Landon Rd. 3 bushels from overflow. (2) Manure into stream- Averkamp looked at both and could not find any. From DNR Paulson west of Landon Rd. where trail crosses actually mud. (3) Lattins feedlot on 81. Plugged road ditch tube. Over weekend got to cold did not run. Abner King 200 head of veal, Propane tank for waste transfer 2' of clay; has 3' only 5 days between spreading. 1 ½ LP tanks make a spreader load gravity flow out of building, butterfly valve, pipe, no bedding. Mitchell Hollow Rd. System also in Dairy Barns. 90 lbs. – 250 lbs. Al Brandt and Roger Lange= Engineering reviews. Greg's DATCP Eng. Impressed- no leakage, 1 crack on outside- not to the inside. Manure was composted had no smell.

Roger Lange- Snap plus with a lot of landowners- Appreciate help Inc. NRCS, NMFEG 7 fully complete with stipend. 2 going to Grant County Amos Stoltzfus and Stan Gobrecht. Grant county short a couple. New snap plus computer program landowner updates 1-25 and 2-22 and 2 more also. Wolfe asked about Jeff and Mary Moore- Al said 150 cows for 41 days of storage will eventually be sand settling. Hammer said County J has been able to haul so far. Roger Lange said FSA has sent over 10 new CREP contracts. Bartz CRP sign up 12-21 through 2-6 high interest and high rental rates

**USDA Programs:** Bartz reported that NRCS has been working on:

- EQIP Apps. , surveying
- 35 high priorities
- 60-70 apps working on if more dollars are available
- Most CSP payments are made
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> next sign up
- Burn plans with Monica
- Training
- Helped Roger with snap plus adding a lot to the program, more user friendly needs training to keep up with the program changes
- Burn plans for the spring if not able some could burn in fall. None in Lafayette
- Hammer asked about small stream crossing that are all wooden – Not NRCS or LCD

**Other Agency Reports:** None

**Voluntary Notice of Non-Compliance:** None

**County Cost share sign-up Priorities and Policies:** January 18 – February 12 sign up.

Policies date changes only. Hammer asked about Municipal partnering- used up north; used cost share dollars to build or fix town roads. Shullsburg did sign up for riprap at a reduced rate. We have used for dry hydrants, fire dept., materials, cost share to install. Practices, rates, and life span set by the state. James asked about 2 wells per year. Does it happen often? Hammer asked about zinc mining, cement plug if they fall in. Landowners responsible because on your land. Mining? Get DNR or mine reclamation. Motion by Wiegel and second by Bartels to keep cost share and Practices the same, Just to remove \$750 cap on well abandonment. Motion carried

**Cost share percentage on well abandonments:** Limit of 2wells @ \$750 per well, Byron Berg capped.

Was 400-500 now 1,400-1,500 can't do your own well, must be done by licensed plumber. Cost share \$ are 70% state and 20% county. Hammer asked about surrounding counties. Green GPS and seek out old wells to fill. Not sure what Grant and Iowa do. More pro Grassed waterways. Loeffelholz added that we were still trying to spend 2013 state money. In 2016 with Sodenberg will have all of DATCP and County \$ used up. Dollars for wells may be an issue in the future, could rank them. Recommend to eliminate the cap. Plumbers good about sending people in. Motion by J. Wiegel and second by James to eliminate the cap. Loeffelholz asked about new cap. Hammer asked about old mine shafts. DNR paperwork. Most wells are 120' to 200' deep. Hammer would like more waterways. Next month would like numbers on wells and what they cost. 4 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstained

**Steve Sodenberg Cost share Carryover:** If use up last year's cost share dollars won't get to the 70 %. County dollars is ok to carryover. Harms, Waterway repair and well abandonment used state dollars. Had discussed at year end. Aesthetic/ wildlife habitat. 50% conservation value Hammer asked how many acres owned by landowner-3 or 5 acres. Precedents?? Sonsalla. Motion by J. Wiegel and second by Hammer to pay 50% some from 2016 Cost share.

**Conservation Farmer Award Information – Possible Nomination of Candidates:**

-Loeffelholz met with Russell Bros. appreciates recognition, Because of size might have extra target on them. Answered some question, Things could change in 2016. In the 1970's Dad got award. Would like for his dad to see. Mark/ Eric changes in 2016. Will be doing more NMP in 2016. A Russell has milked cows in Lafayette County since 1854 until 2014.

-Oltahfer –Lange has riprap designed not yet installed, may motivate them to install the riprap on Jones branch.

**WI Land and Water Conference Registration-Due by 2/5/2016:**

March 2-3, Elk Hart Lake

J. Wiegel- No

Wolfe-yes

James-yes –Spouse?

Hammer-Not full session

Let know next week

**Approval for silent auction item and Raffle tickets for WI Land and Water Conference:**

Silent Auction- Item \$60 Motion by Hammer second by James to spend around \$60. Motion carried  
Some items mentioned were Pecatonica Brewing, Cheese, Sausage-Avon, and Baked Cheese

**Plastics Recycling:** Waiting for Pick-up J. Wiegel Delta Eng. Out of Missouri

Tire removal- 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March, by weight at 1<sup>st</sup> Capital Salvage, County is cost sharing some with UWEX. Will take with rims on.

**In Correspondence:**

James asked about DNR letter to people in watershed when spill happened “Be pro-active rather than reactive” By Mike Gilbertson. Corn silage time not sure where spill came from. Copy to Bartz.

**Approval of Vouchers:** Motion by James and second by J. Wiegel to approve the vouchers. Motion carried

**Future agenda items:** Conference, Plastics & Tire Recycling, DNR letter on spill and 2015 well abandonment dollars

The next meeting of the LCC will be Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by James and second by Wang to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Motion carried.

Recorded By

Nikki Larson  
For Leon Wolfe  
LCC Secretary

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