



NORTH CENTRAL AREA

Land and Water Conservation Association

Forest, Florence, Lincoln, Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Vilas, Wood

Meeting Date: 1-24-2020

Meeting Location: Langlade Co, Northcentral Technical College-Antigo

In attendance: David Solin-Langlade Co, Molly McKay-Langlade Co, Tracy Arnold-Portage Co, Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co, Mitch McCarthy-Lincoln Co, Bob Mott-Oneida Co, Chris Arrowood-Langlade Co, Gerry Zastrow-Portage Co, Shane Wucherpfennig-Wood Co, Carol Feller-Gottard-Langlade Co, Joe Novak-Langlade Co, Reinhardt Balcerzak-Langlade Co, Tom Melnarik-NRCS, Catherine Higley-Vilas Co, Rod Mayer-Wood Co, Cassidy Neilitz-Forest Co, Steve Kircher-Forest Co, Michele Sadauskas-Oneida Co, Peggy Winter-NRCS, Josh Suenkel-NRCS, Kirk Langfoss-Marathon Co, Haley Lucas-Langlade Co

Counties present: Forest, Lincoln, Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Vilas, Wood

Counties not present: Florence

1. Call meeting to order at 12:41pm
2. Introductions of those in attendance, Pledge of Allegiance was recited
3. Secretary's Report-Tracy Arnold, Portage Co
 - a. Tracy Arnold-Portage Co asked if everyone had received the minutes from 8-16-2019. She also requested that if your County staff or supervisor's change to let her know, so the email list can be updated.
 - b. No corrections are needed
 - i. **Motion to approve August 16, 2019 minutes made by Shane Wucherpfennig-Wood Co, seconded by Mitch McCarthy-Lincoln Co**
 - ii. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**
4. Treasurer's Report-Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co
 - a. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co distributed the current budget to date, prior to today's meeting.
 - b. \$5,000 was placed into a CD, matures in August of 2021.
 - i. Bob Mott-Oneida Co stated the CD should be shown on budget, so we know how much we actually have. It's currently under Miscellaneous and came out as an expense. Maybe put CD next to miscellaneous so everyone is clear as we move forward.
 - ii. Shane Wucherpfennig-Wood Co asked if the interest from the CD would also go under miscellaneous. Carol Feller-Gottard-Langlade Co asked what we do with the interest, do we reinvest it, etc. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co stated will be discussed at the summer tour meeting. Discussion regarding suggestions on what we should do. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co will add a new line item specifically for the CD and interest, so it's clear to everyone.

- c. David Solin-Langlade Co asked about 2017 and 2018 actual and if we are gaining carryover or losing. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co stated we are gaining.
 - i. **Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as presented made by Bob Mott-Oneida Co, seconded by Molly McKay-Langlade Co.**
 - ii. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**

5. Legislative Action/Resolutions

- a. Two resolutions both from Marathon Co. Kirk Langfoss-Marathon Co gave an explanation of both and why they were drafted. Both resolutions are related to Nutrient Management planning and its requirements. Marathon Co is very involved with Nutrient management.
- b. Resolution "Request to require a 590 nutrient management plan or phosphorus-based recommendations for all applications of domestic sewage sludge and industrial wastes/by-products to agricultural land".
 - i. DNR regulates on N with regards to sludge, and manure is regulated on P by the 590 standard. Because the regulations are based on a different nutrient and don't take into account each other, they are working against each other almost.
 - ii. Kirk Langfoss-Marathon Co read through the "Now, Therefore, be it resolved" statements.
 - iii. Shane Wucherpennig-Wood Co stated the counties struggle with this, good but really asking to a change in code 204/214. Asking State of change 204/214 need to be added.
 - iv. Bob Mott-Oneida Co discussed an ongoing issue in Town of Stella, disputing term "emergency". He also discussed it at the Task Force hearings.
 - v. Discussion regarding adding some language "frozen or snow-covered ground" to the statements. Also need to add the word septage.
 - vi. All WDNR permits not County. Counties don't know if fields are getting both. Landowners are supposed to keep track of that. There is a disconnect on follow-up and what is actually happening.
 - vii. WDNR regulates for N and in the mean time P goes through the roof and landowners can't apply manure according to the NMP.
 - viii. Mitch McCarthy-Lincoln Co said try to move it forward through NRCS 590 standard to regulate both N and P.
 - ix. Shane Wucherpennig-Wood Co stated it need to 1. Add NM standards to NRCS 590 standard and 2. Add request regarding 204/214 amendment.
 - x. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co read the edits out loud to verify correctness.
 - xi. Mitch McCarthy-Lincoln Co recommended striking out N because we still have an issue in Central Sands.
 - xii. Shane Wucherpennig-Wood Co and Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co both stated to change plan to standards.
 - xiii. Tom Melnarik-NRCS stated the definition of ag land needs to be cleaned up. Has to be harvestable crop.
 - xiv. Shane Wucherpennig-Wood Co requested language no spreading on frozen ground be added to the now, therefore be it resolved.
 - xv. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co stated we need to add send to WI Land+Water to both resolutions.
 - xvi. Michele Sadauskas-Oneida Co stated she thinks we are losing the focus of the resolution and it's falling apart the more we edit it.

- xvii. Kirk Langfoss-Marathon Co stated we have edited the main intent of the resolution and maybe we need to bring another resolution to the floor to address the edits we have been discussing.
 - xviii. Bob Mott-Oneida Co stated there is an “emergency” loophole and that needs to be fixed. WDNR spent a lot of staff hours in investigation and it got thrown out and the issue is still happening.
 - xix. Shane Wucherpennig-Wood Co stated to have Oneida Co draft the frozen ground resolution.
 - xx. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co re-read the revised resolution.
 - xxi. Tom Melnarik-NRCS stated to scratch out ag land and require all land
 - xxii. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co re-read the revised resolution.
 - 1. Motion made to approve resolution as edited. Motion made by Shane Wucherpennig-Wood Co, seconded by Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co
 - 2. Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.
- c. Resolution “Request to require, and allow the enforcement of, an annual 590 nutrient management plan on “existing” cropland and pastures without the requirement of a cost-sharing offer to the landowner”.
- i. With current cost share figures, it will take 112 years to get everyone to do NMP.
 - ii. There has been an increase with FPP, but still have a long way to go.
 - iii. All ag land needs NMP, but it can’t be enforced without cost-sharing.
 - iv. This resolution aims to level the playing field to get more compliance.
 - v. Marathon Co Farm Bureau went on record saying all ag lands should have NMP, that did not pass at the state level.
 - vi. Kirk Langfoss-Marathon Co read through the “Now, Therefore, be it resolved” statements
 - vii. Kirk Langfoss-Marathon Co stated that within 5 years the playing field could be leveled with no cost sharing.
 - viii. Kirk Langfoss-Marathon Co stated that only 37% of the ag lands under nutrient management plan in last 25 years.
 - ix. Enforcement will be a different manner and is not addressed in this resolution.
 - x. Shane Wucherpennig-Wood Co applauded Marathon Co for moving this forward. Recommends a change to ATCP 50. It needs to be revisited. Having a phase in period is a good idea.
 - xi. Bob Mott-Oneida Co asked how much cost-sharing for NMP?
 - 1. Kirk Langfoss-Marathon Co stated that is the million-dollar question.
 - xii. Discussion on the fact that you have to make a bona fide offer towards cost-sharing, landowners don’t have to take it but the offer has to be there. Requires \$40 per acre.
 - xiii. Mitch McCarthy-Lincoln Co is in full support of the resolution. Discussion regarding being careful that funds to conservation are there, do we need to add something in the resolution to show that funds are still effective, and we can’t have funds for NM disappear altogether.
 - xiv. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co like the idea of the resolution but does not like the idea of ATCP 50 being opened.
 - xv. Shane Wucherpennig-Wood Co asked if it could go through NR 151.
 - xvi. Discussion with regards to ATCP 50 specifically addresses cost-sharing. It’s unsettling to open ATCP 50 because you don’t know what else will change.

- xvii. Molly McKay-Langlade Co stated we also need staff to enforce this resolution.
- xviii. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co discussed going through NR 151.
- xix. Shane Wucherpennig-Wood Co doesn't want to see it die but maybe a different avenue is the way we need to go. He recommends that we talk to Rep. Katrina Shankland
- xx. David Solin-Langlade Co suggested passing it along in order to have discussion at the conference. We can update and make edits on the floor.
- xxi. Bob Mott-Oneida Co asked if we change ATCP 50 or NR 151?
- xxii. Shane Wucherpennig-Wood Co recommends moving it forward as is, he will talk to Rep. Katrina Shankland and will amend on the floor at the conference.
- xxiii. Mitch McCarthy-Lincoln Co stated that target standards on east side of state changed in NR 151 then changed ATCP 50. Maybe we need to do both? Mitch McCarthy-Lincoln Co agrees it's a great idea to move on for discussion with amendments ready for the floor at the conference.
- xxiv. Molly McKay-Langlade Co stated she doesn't feel it will move through easily.
- xxv. Shane Wucherpennig-Wood Co stated changes are coming from Task Force based on their recommendations.
 - 1. Subsidizing yield drop to reduce P
 - 2. Things are coming fast in the next few months, so be ready.

i. Motion to approve resolution with the caveat of the applicability of ATCP 50 vs NR 151, along with amendments being made on the floor of the conference. Motion made by Molly McKay-Langlade Co, seconded by Shane Wucherpennig-Wood Co,

ii. Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

6. Youth Education Update

- a. Tracy Arnold-Portage Co distributed the Youth Education Update from North Central Youth Education Area Rep Patty Benedict-Portage Co.
- b. Tracy Arnold-Portage Co thanked Haley Lucas-Langlade Co and other Langlade Co staff for an outstanding Area Poster and Speaking Contest.
- c. Reminder about silent auction items for the conference, WI Envirothon dues and Conservation camps coming up.

7. County Updates

- a. Vilas Co- Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co stated they are very busy with projects and excited about the progress of their culvert project.
- b. Lincoln Co- Mitch McCarthy-Lincoln Co informed the North Central Area that he is moving on to Sauk Co, so this will be his last meeting with North Central Area. He stated he will miss us all and it has been great working with us over the years.
- c. Oneida Co- Michele Sadauskas-Oneida Co said she was very sad to see Mitch McCarthy-Lincoln Co leave as he has been an incredible asset to numerous multiple county collaborative projects over the years. It was always a pleasure to work with Mitch McCarthy-Lincoln Co.
- d. Forest Co- Steve Kircher-Forest Co introduce himself as the new County Conservationist and he is very excited to be on board and learn from us. Steve Kircher-Forest Co also introduced Cassidy Neilitz-Forest Co as the conservation technician. They were welcomed by the group and told to utilize everyone as resources as much as they need.

8. 2020 Area Meeting Plans
 - a. Next meeting will be held at the WI Land+Water Conference on March 4th.
 - b. If you are the host county for future meetings, please run dates past Molly McKay-Langlade Co as Penny Pohle-WI Land+Water sent a list of other events that may conflict.
 - c. Molly McKay-Langlade Co stated the Penny Pohle-WI Land+Water said that trainings for new supervisors is in progress and more information will be available after elections.
 - d. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co stated she would like to talk about Vilas Co culvert project at a future meeting.
9. Land&Water Conservation Board Report- David Solin-Langlade Co
 - a. David Solin-Langlade Co stated he will not be running again but Bob Mott-Oneida Co will be running and would represent North Central Area well if elected.
 - b. The board reviewed five plans at the last meeting, and they have another six plans on the agenda for the next meeting.
10. Agency Reports
 - a. WI Land+Water
 - i. Molly McKay-Langlade Co distributed a handout from Penny Pohle-WI Land+Water including staff members and duties along with important dates to be aware of.
 - b. DATCP
 - c. NACD
 - d. UWEX
 - e. DNR
 - f. FAS
 - g. NRCS- Peggy Winter-NRCS
 - i. Contact your NRCS contact regarding signup deadlines coming up. EQUIP signup dates are out, contact your local NRCS contact for assistance.
11. Other business
12. Public Comment
13. Adjourn at 2:36pm
 - i. **Motion to adjourn made by Tracy Arnold-Portage Co, seconded by Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co**
 - ii. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**

Next meetings:

2020 March 4 at the WI Land+Water Annual Conference

2020 Reorganizational/Spring Meeting-Lincoln County host (April/May)

2020 Summer Tour & Meeting-Wood County host (August/September)

| Host County | | | |
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| 2020 | LANGLADE-COMplete | LINCOLN | WOOD |
| 2021 | FOREST | MARATHON | FLORENCE |
| 2022 | LINCOLN | ONEIDA | FOREST |
| 2023 | MARATHON | PORTAGE | LANGLADE |
| 2024 | ONEIDA | VILAS | LINCOLN |
| 2025 | PORTAGE | WOOD | MARATHON |
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Minutes submitted by Tracy Arnold-Portage Co, NCLWCA Secretary 2020

*All handouts from the meeting are attached