NORTH CENTRAL AREA

Land and Water Conservation Association

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

Meeting Date: 1-28-2021

Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams online, hosted by Forest Co

In attendance: Steve Kircher-Forest Co, Cassidy Neilitz-Forest Co, Tracy Arnold-Portage Co, Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co, Scott Goodwin-Florence Co, Paul Daigle-Marathon Co, Amanda Kasparek-Lincoln Co, Penny Pohle-WI Land+Water, Gerry Zastrow-Portage Co, Tyrone Larson-NRCS, Ron Nye-Langlade Co, Shane Wucherpfenning-Wood Co, Jen McNelly-Portage Co, Patty Benedict-Portage Co, Bob Thome-Oneida Co, Chris Arrowood-Langlade Co, Heather Palmquist-Iron Co, Matthew Jacowski-Portage Co, Jared Mader-Marathon Co, Rod Mayer-Wood Co, Travis Tulowizky-Bayfield Co, Stacy Dehne-DATCP, Michele Sadauskas-Oneida Co

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

Counties not present: N/A

1. Call meeting to order at 1:05pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions of those in attendance
3. Approval of minutes from September 18, 2020
    a. Correction for Chris Arrowood name on page 3, edit made.
        a. **Motion to approve September 18, 2020 minutes made by Paul Daigle-Marathon Co, seconded by Shane Wucherpfenning-Wood Co**
        b. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**
4. Treasurer's Report- Cassidy Neilitz-Forest Co
    a. Langlade, Portage, and Wood still missing dues. Patty mentioned she didn't remember seeing them come through, same for Shane. Cassidy will double check and resend emails after the meeting.
    b. Still working on getting financials changed over to Cassidy but Covid is making it harder, but progress is still being made.
5. President's report- Steve Kircher-Forest Co
    a. Bob Mott sent along materials for review, links are provided in the chat for everyone to view.
    b. WI Land+Water conference was highlighted, and everyone is encouraged to attend virtually.
    c. Steve Kircher-Forest Co mentioned the finance and budget for WI Land+Water is also available in the chat.
6. Shoreline Stabilization Outreach Publication- Scott Goodwin-Florence Co
    a. A 20-page shoreline stabilization publication was created that can be used as a guide for homeowners and conservationists is in draft form
    b. Goal is to print 5,000 copies to distribute throughout the State, copies will be mailed to County LWCD's, if funding comes through.
    c. Numerous grants have been applied for and continue to be applied for.

d. Scott Goodwin-Florence Co is asking for approval to bring it back to the North Central Area Spring meeting to ask for funds as part of the match for the grants that have been awarded/hope to be awarded.
e. Shane Wucherpfenning-Wood Co recommended asking the PACRS (Petenwell, Arrowhead, Castle Rock Stewards) group and will get contact information to Scott Goodwin-Florence Co.
f. Tracy Arnold-Portage Co asked if we could see a draft document before we voted on helping fund it. Scott Goodwin-Florence Co said yes but he is still waiting for the final edits to be completed. Scott Goodwin-Florence Co will forward it on, once he is able.
g. Shane Wucherpfenning-Wood Co asked about a timeline for printing. Scott Goodwin-Florence Co stated is depends on the grants, but they are hoping for April.

7. Healthy Lakes Program Discussion- Steve Kircher-Forest Co
    a. None
8. Youth Education Update-Patty
    a. WI Envirothon will be virtual, subcommittee is working through logistics.
    b. Conservation Camps
        a. Sand Lake Camp is canceled for 2020.
        b. WI Land+Water Camp is working on a decision.
    c. Silent Auction will also be held virtual via 32auctions.com, please acquire an item or two from your County.
    d. State Poster and Speaking will all be virtual. All Area winner information needs to be submitted via the google form on the WI Land+Water website by Feb 12th.
        a. Tracy Arnold-Portage Co thanked all the Counties and Areas for their efforts in providing the opportunities to participate in the contest this year.
    e. North Central Area Speaking Results
        a. Elementary
        1st place: Malia Szews (ONEIDA COUNTY)
        2nd place: Ciara Waltenberg (PORTAGE COUNTY)
        b. Junior
        No entries
        c. Senior
        1ST place: Annika Waltenberg (PORTAGE COUNTY)
    f. North Central Area Poster Results
        a. <u>Grades K-1</u>
        1st Place: Kamden Freund (PORTAGE COUNTY) –
        2nd/3rd : Chase Fannin (FOREST COUNTY) & Matilda (ONEIDA COUNTY)
        b. <u>Grades 2-3</u>
        1st Place: Preston Christianson (PORTAGE COUNTY)
        2nd Place: Nolan LeClarre (ONEIDA COUNTY)
        c. <u>Grades 4-6</u>
        1st Place: Piper Christianson (PORTAGE COUNTY)
        2nd Place: Izabella Mitchell (VILAS COUNTY)
        2nd Place: Amelia Pleet (WOOD COUNTY)
        4th Place: Lindsey Mihalko (FOREST COUNTY)
        5th Place: Olivia Grumm (ONEIDA COUNTY)
        6th Place: Kelsi Chrisman (FLORENCE COUNTY)
        d. <u>Grades 7-9</u>
        1st Place: Kaelynn Kazda (PORTAGE COUNTY)

2nd Place: Carlie Pudlowski (ONEIDA COUNTY)

e. Grades 10-12

1st Place: Samantha Carlson (PORTAGE COUNTY)

9. County Updates
    a. Forest - Steve Kircher-Forest Co
        a. Cost share projects are wrapping up from 2020.
        b. Lining up projects for 2021.
        c. Applying for a grant to another culvert project.
    b. Florence - Scott Goodwin-Florence Co
        a. Wrapped up shoreline stabilization from 2019.
        b. 2020 box culvert replacement project complete, great partnership
        c. 2021 and 2022 will be replacing additional culverts
        d. 2021 also have some additional shoreland restoration projects
    c. Lincoln - Amanda Kasparek-Lincoln Co
        a. Continue to deal with high water, some shoreline projects are on hold, some are ready to go.
        b. Have some grassed waterway projects lined up for 2021.
        c. Working with Nutrient Management Trainings.
    d. Langlade- Chris Arrowood-Langlade Co
        a. Working on getting tech position filled.
        b. Chris is the only one left in the office and trying his best. Carolyn offered to help if she can.
    e. Marathon - Paul Daigle-Marathon Co
        a. Good projects were funded and completed in 2020.
        b. Utilizing MDV funds to complete projects. Used as incentive to lower phosphorus in the watershed. More money is needed to get whole watershed done.
    f. Oneida – Michele Sadauskas-Oneida Co
        a. Numerous projects for 2021, looking for additional contactors because of interest from residents.
        b. Working on solar array project/partnership, will include pollinator habitat/minimizing bird strikes.
        c. Crescent Lake requested to become and lake district, so they are working through that.
        d. Getting involved with zoning some and how to mitigate and gain compliance
        e. It's good to be busy!
    g. Portage - Tracy Arnold-Portage Co, Gerry Zastrow-Portage Co
        a. Waiting to hear about 2 WDNR grants and if they have been awarded.
        b. Continue to work on Non-metallic Mining Program.
        c. Efforts underway to start a County-wide Lakes and Rivers group. If anyone has advice, please let us know.
            1. Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co and Scott Goodwin-Florence Co both offered to help with questions.

d. Gerry Zastrow discussed Portage County passing a County-wide Clean water resolution to be placed on the ballot, there are 4 other Counties on Board thus far.

h. Vilas - Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co
   a. Applied for several grants, waiting to hear if approved or not.
   b. Working through the grant reporting for end of the year.
   c. Planning for a watershed protection project similar to 9KE plans, but for protection instead of TMDL reductions.
   d. Looking at hiring 2 LTE for the summer, 1 to help with watershed grant and 1 to monitor on numerous lakes and river throughout the County.

i. Wood- Shane Wucherpfenning-Wood Co
   a. Another successful year for 2020.
   b. No-till drill very successful, getting a crimper in 2021.
   c. Roth Golden Acres, LLC won the Outstanding Land & Water Conservation award in 2020
   d. Replaced engineering tech, hope to start in a couple weeks.
   e. Tree Sale will happen in 2021.

10. Land & Water Conservation Board report-
    a. All WI Land+Water staff stayed on; no layoffs due to Covid-19.
    b. Working on a Climate Change website.
11. Agency Report
    a. WI Land+Water- Penny Pohle-WI Land+Water
       a. Promoted the annual conference, Feb 12th is early bird deadline.
       b. Conservation partnership training is currently going on.
       c. New communications staff will be coming on board beginning of Feb.
    b. DATCP-none
    c. NACD-none
    d. UWEX-none
    e. DNR- none
    f. FSA-none
    g. NRCS- Tyrone Larson-NRCS
       a. Challenging year but a very successful year, thank you to all the County staff that helped out
       b. 2021 funding will be determined soon. Rolling out funds as soon as they are able. Hoping to get all the paperwork completed so projects can start in the Spring.
       c. Promoting WI Land+Water conference to all staff and encouraging them all to attend. Virtual so no hotel or travel to pay for.
12. Other business-none
13. Adjourn at 2:05pm
    a. **Motion to adjourn made by Carolyn Scholl-Vilas Co., seconded by Scott Goodwin-Florence Co**
    b. **Vote: All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**

Next meetings:

2021 Reorganizational/Spring Meeting-Lincoln County host (May/June)

2021 Summer Tour & Meeting-Wood County host (August/September)

2021 Speaking/Poster Contest & Planning Meeting-Lincoln County host (January/February)

Host County			
	Planning Meeting January/February	Reorganizational/ Spring Meeting May/June	Summer tour/Meeting August/September
2020	LANGLADE-COMPLETE	MARATHON-COMPLETE	WOOD-POSTPONED TO 2021
2021	FOREST-COMPLETE	LINCOLN (switched in 2020)	WOOD
2022	LINCOLN	ONEIDA	FLORENCE
2023	MARATHON	PORTAGE	FOREST
2024	ONEIDA	VILAS	LANGLADE
2025	PORTAGE	WOOD	LINCOLN
2026	VILAS	FLORENCE	MARATHON
2027	WOOD	FOREST	ONEIDA
2028	FLORENCE	LANGLADE	PORTAGE
2029	FOREST	LINCOLN	VILAS
2030	LANGLADE	MARATHON	WOOD
2031	REPEAT ORDER ALPHABETICAL	REPEAT ORDER ALPHABETICAL	REPEAT ORDER ALPHABETICAL

Minutes submitted by Tracy Arnold-Portage Co, NCLWCA Secretary 2021