

**Northwest Land Conservation Association Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 6, 2020**  
**9:30 am**  
**Veteran's Community Center, Hayward, WI**

1. **Meeting called to order by Chair Dufford @ 9:48am.**
2. **Introductions:** Heather Palmquist (Iron), Ben Dufford (Bayfield), Melissa Kraft (Bayfield), Brent Tessmer (Taylor), Karyn Eckert (Taylor), Luke Melotik (Taylor), Kelly Nechuta (Sawyer), MaryJo Gingras (Ashland), Mike Pero (Ashland), Scott Caven (Ashland), George Mika (Ashland LCC) Ashley Vande Voort (Douglas), Dave Ferris (Burnett), Craig Conroy (Burnett LCC), Eric Wojchik (Polk), Carol Zygowicz (Polk), Nick Standyk (Rusk), Jon Runstrom (Rusk), Arian Knops (Rusk LCC), Lisa Burns (Washburn)
3. **Minutes- Motion to approve minutes made by Ferris/Vande Voort; MC.**
4. **Correspondence** – Ferris will start stirring the pot with the AIS Grant formula once again.  
  
Gingras – last meeting there was discussion on resolutions, was there any movement on that? Gingras/Dufford will look into county levy resolution.  
  
Dufford – need one more judge for the speech contest, think about and please volunteer, would like to have a person from a county who does not have a speaker.
5. **Public Comments** – none.
6. **Finance** – a copy of the finance report was included in the packet. **Motion to approve the finance report made by Conroy/Standyk; MC.**
7. **2020 Budget** – Discussion on the revenue and disbursements. Historically there has been a small negative net change each year. Discussion on zeroing. **Motion to approve the 2020 Budget with the change of the charging all NW Area counties for the entire poster and speaking contest costs made by Burns/Gingras; MC.**
8. **2020 Coordinator MOU** – Approval of MOU for Coordinator, discussion on how the position was working. **Motion to approve and sign the 2020 Coordinator MOU Agreement made by Ferris/Gingras; MC.**
9. **Poster and Speaking Contest** – need a judge for speeches, one backed out yesterday afternoon. Everyone who would like to can judge posters, will do following the meeting. Posters are up on the wall. Discussion on moving the Area Poster and Speaking Contest around the central portion of the NW Area.

If in your county, the hosting county is responsible for securing the venue and organizing caterer for lunch and snacks for the contest. Everyone should go back to their county and get possible venues and prices to future discussion.

**10. Organizational Reports:**

- a. Mississippi Committee - tracking phosphorus, St. Croix has now additional impaired areas.
- b. Great Lakes Committee - Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, is next meeting with a webinar before; have been working on Guiding Principles; Ashland Co will be hosting summer GLC tour in July(?)
- c. Tech Committee /SOC- Working on Guiding Principles; finalized report on 2019, worked on depth to bedrock standard and others; Vernon Co. hosted, they looked at dam failures which took out entire valleys and trout stream work; worked with PIC on technical sessions for conference; Bob Micheel received recognition.

**11. Future agenda items** – Dufford instructed anyone to pass those on to him or to Palmquist for the next agenda. NW Tour on next agenda, Ashland could host – combine with GLC tour?

**12. Next meeting dates – March 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:15pm @ Conference; KI Convention Center in GREEN BAY!**

**Adjourn- Dufford adjourned meeting at 10:32am.**