

## MEETING MINUTES

### SOUTHEAST AREA LAND & WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Meeting of March 4, 2020

KI Convention Center – Grand D

Green Bay, WI

4:15 p.m.

Attendees: Paul Sebo, Washington County LCD; Paul Backhaus, Washington County LCD; Stephanie Egner, Washington County LCD; Perry Linquist, Waukesha County LCD; Alan Barrows, Waukesha County LCD; Shannon Haydin, Walworth County LCD; Geoff Schramm, Ozaukee County LCD; Monte Osterman, Racine County LCC; Chad Sampson, Racine County LCD; Tanner Schmit, Washington County; Cassie Taplin, Washington County.

Shannon Haydin called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

#### **Approval of Previous Minutes:**

At 4:32 p.m. a motion was made by Paul Sebo, seconded by Perry Linquist, to approve the minutes from June 27, 2019 and January 10, 2020 meetings. **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Andy Holschbach submitted the Treasurer's Report by email and it was distributed at the meeting. There was some discussion about the high account balance, but no motions at this time regarding how to utilize the funds. At 4:33 p.m., a motion by Paul Sebo, seconded by Alan Barrows to approve the Treasurer's Report. **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **WLWCA Board update:**

Alan Barrows reported that Greg Baneck will not run for president of the WI Land and Water Conservation Association. We'll have an Area Representative election after the April elections.

Monte Osterman gave an update from NACD. Monte stated the "Wisconsin Initiative" to allow paid staff or other members to vote was a hot topic at the annual meeting. There was a bylaw change to allow a waiver for paid staff or other representatives to vote was passed by two votes. Currently, the bylaws are being revised to allow a paid representative to vote, but the final bylaws are not yet in place. The waiver was a two-thirds majority which is in the bylaws to allow waiver for paid staff to vote. There was a congratulations to Monte Osterman and Greg Baneck for moving this forward.

Alan Barrows said there may be a new process to represent our WI Land and Water Association on other groups or committees across the State. This is currently in progress.

#### **Area Advocacy for SB 723:**

Matt Krueger entered the meeting room. Shannon Haydin asked to move to Agenda item #7. Matt asked every Area to come up with a plan to contact their legislators and support SB 723. If there is an asterisk by the name on the map, the Senator is already supportive, but we need to re-enforce their support. The remaining legislators can be contacted to ask for their support. March 24 – 26 is the next legislative session to bring forth SB 723. Matt said they have letters, templates or other information as needed to assist with this effort. Matt thanked the Area for their hard work moving SB 723 forward.

## **Resolutions:**

Alan Barrows stated there is a Board of Directors Resolution, Support for Senate Bill 723, Increased Funding for Local Conservation Efforts which will be brought forward at the Business Meeting on Friday. Obviously, Statewide support will be behind this Resolution.

Alan Barrows stated North Central Area's Resolution #1 asking to "Request to Require A 590 Nutrient Management Plan or Phosphorus-Based Recommendations for All Land Applications of Domestic Sewage Sludge and Industrial Waste/By Products" received unanimous Executive Board support. The Area supported the Resolution with little objection or discussion.

Alan Barrows stated the North Central Area Resolution #2 asking to "Request to Require, and Allow the Enforcement of, an Annual 590 Nutrient Management Plan on Existing Cropland and Pastures without the Requirement of Cost Sharing Offer to the Landowner." The recommendation from the Executive Board after much discussion was to send the resolution back to the Area. Perry Linquist said the we cannot amend the rule because that would require a statutory change. Paul Sebo questioned whether the problem was the rule or the enforcement at the County level.

Monte Osterman stated that a Resolution is coming out of the Langlade County Board asking for Legislative Action to Protect the Wolf River Watershed from the Impacts of Metallic Sulfide Mining. Monte continued to state the WI Land and Water does not have a policy on this as well as other regional issues. Alan Barrows stated the DNR will have to do an Environmental Impact Statement and the Association may want to wait for this Statement before taking a position. Monte Osterman suggested waiting for more information before making any decisions. Alan Barrows stated this Resolution will not be brought forth at the Business meeting.

## **Poster Contest:**

Stephanie Egnor stated that Washington County, Ozaukee County, and Walworth County participated in the poster contest. Paul Sebo suggested supplying the poster size paper to the schools for the contest. This increased participation and reduced confusion.

## **Member County project/activity updates (roundtable)**

Monte Osterman stated that there was joint participation from Racine County, the Village of Mount Pleasant, and an environmental group to support a restoration project within the Foxconn footprint. There is approximately 35 acres of wetland restoration, 100 acres of native prairie, ten thousand feet of trails and 2,500 linear feet of streambank restoration. Monte explained the money to do this was coming from some grants as well as the municipalities and other sources. Chad Sampson explained this is an agricultural ditch being restored before the urbanization occurs.

Alan Barrows stated that Waukesha County may be involved with a new Producer Led group in the Pebble Creek area.

Geoff Schramm handed out materials for the Soil Health Workshop to be given by Ray Archuleta.

### **2020 Summer/Fall Tour discussion (Kenosha County)**

Shannon had a discussion with Mark Jenks, and Kenosha County intends to have a Conservation Tour.

### **Other Business:**

Shannon said that Penny Pohle wanted to make sure our Area was aware of the LCC trainings to be held in early May. See the yellow page in the folders.

Alan Barrows stated that he has raffle tickets.

Paul Sebo announced that he has stepped down for the Technical Committee which creates an opportunity for others to step up.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion was made at 5:19 p.m. by Chad Sampson, seconded by Alan Barrows to adjourn. **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes prepared by Chad Sampson