

Northwest Land Conservation Association Meeting
Friday, April 9, 2021
1:00pm
Zoom Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Dufford @ 1:01pm.

2. Introductions:

Heather Palmquist (Iron), Kelly Nechuta (Sawyer), Dave Ferris (Burnett), Craig Conroy (Burnett LCC), Lisa Burns (Washburn), Ben Dufford (Bayfield), Travis Tulowitzky (Bayfield), Melissa Kraft (Bayfield), MaryJo Gingras (Ashland), Ashley Vande Voort (Douglas), Sue Hendrickson (Douglas LCC), Ann Lane (Burnett), Eric Wojchik (Polk), Brent Tessemer (Taylor), Nick Standyk (Rusk), Ruth King (DNR), Liz Usborne (DNR), Penny Pohle (WI Land+Water)

3. Non-Point Presentation – Liz Usborne & Ruth King – Discussion with DNR and Counties - How do we get better compliance with NR151, counties report they don't have staff or the expertise to implement NR151. Grazing Plans can be done through Burnett Co who has a grant, they work with Grass Works. Nitrates has been a big focus to get standards on measuring. King will send maps to Palmquist to distribute to group. Guidance document for NR151 & cost share existing vs. new operation – rules have changed and some farms have been grandfathered in.

4. Organizational Reports:

- a. SOC committee – Kate Brunner was hoping to come to meeting, they are looking to get more members on the SOC committee, if anyone is interested in joining contact Kate.
- b. PIC Committee – a flyer was sent to members, currently there is no representation on the PIC committee from the NW Area, we need someone to represent us, where conf is etc. Standyk was potentially interested, he'll contact Tony for more info.
- c. BOD - Hendrickson reported they mainly discussed the conference. They also encouraged everyone to contact your reps on the state budget to support the increase in staff support. Year-end reports from staff, and conservation observance day - Farmer of the year.
- d. Tec Committee – Dufford reported that the state tech tour was discussed, Bayfield Co volunteered to host, offered in person if possible – TBD.
- e. Youth Edu Committee- Burns reported silent was fairly successful, the number of items was way down, but they were able to raise \$3,045 surpassing their goal, but down from years in person. Considered a success with the number of items and funds raised.

- f. Great Lakes Committee – Jim Luke USACE presentation at last meeting and mini-grants were discussed.
5. **Minutes- Motion to approve minutes made by Ferris/Hendrickson; MC.**
6. **Approve 2021 budget – a copy of the 2021 budget was included in the packet. Motion to approve the 2021 Budget made by Hendrickson/Standyk; MC.**
7. **Approve Finance Report – a copy of the finance report was included in the packet. Motion to approve the finance report made by Hendrickson/Wojchik; MC.**
8. **Approve 2021 Coordinator MOU– Motion to approve 2021 Coordinator MOU made by Gingras/Hendrickson; MC.**
9. **Shoreland Stabilization Outreach Project (SSOP) – DNR Surface Water Grant was received by Iron Co for printing of the document. Group needs to come up with a match for the printing costs the required in-kind is \$2,733.00. Scott Goodwin (Florence) is going to the NC Area to ask for funds. Most of the folks who worked on this document were from the North. Motion fund up to 50% of the necessary amount (\$1,366.50 is half of the required in-kind) with the caveat that other areas will also be approached as well made by Hendrickson/Gingras; MC.**
10. **Future agenda items – Forward to Dufford/Palmquist.**
11. **Next meeting dates – June 10th, 2pm.**

Adjourn- Dufford adjourned meeting at 2:37pm.