

## MEETING MINUTES

### SOUTHEAST AREA LAND & WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Meeting of June 2, 2020

REMOTE MEETING

1:00 p.m.

Attendees: Paul Sebo, Washington County LCD; Carroll Merry, Washington County LCC; Perry Linquist, Waukesha County LCD; Alan Barrows, Waukesha County LCD; Brian Holt, Walworth County LCC; Shannon Haydin, Walworth County LCD; Brian Smetana, Walworth County LCD; Gary Korb, SEWRPC; Mark Jenks, Kenosha County; Stevan Keith, Milwaukee County; Monte Osterman, Racine County LCC; Chad Sampson, Racine County LCD; Penny Pohle, WI Land & Water.

Shannon Haydin called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

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

At 1:08 p.m. a motion was made by Paul Sebo, seconded by Monte Osterman, to approve the minutes from March 4, 2020 meeting. **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Andy Holschbach submitted the Treasurer's Report by email. There was no discussion or changes on the report. At 1:09 p.m., a motion by Paul Sebo, seconded by Alan Barrows to approve the Treasurer's Report. **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **Agency (DATCP, DNR) updates:**

No reports from DATCP or DNR.

Penny Pohle stated that WI Land & Water is in the process of having new listservs set up. Penny also reported the WI Land and Water is updating the website with a Fall 2020 timeline for completion. She said it may include Area webpages for information and happenings. WI Land & Water is open to suggestions on improvement of the website as it is developed.

Penny said the Supervisor Trainings are still occurring and will be recorded webinars. The webinars will be less than 10 minutes each and available on the WI Land & Water website.

#### **Election of Southeast Area Association Officers:**

Shannon Haydin stated she was willing to continue to be President of the Area and asked anyone else to let the Association know if there was any interest. No one else mentioned interest. Shannon Haydin asked for nominations for President. At 1:15 p.m., Monte Osterman nominated Shannon Haydin and motioned to close nominations, seconded by Chad Sampson. **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

Shannon Haydin requested nomination for Vice President. Perry Linquist clarified this was to be an LCC member. Monte Osterman asked if any other Supervisor's would be interested. Brian Holt, Walworth County, mentioned that he is interested. At 1:20 p.m., Shannon Haydin nominated Brian Holt, seconded by Paul Sebo. Shannon closed nominations. Monte mentioned Brian Holt can be elected without a vote since he was the only nomination. Shannon Haydin declared **Brian Holt as Vice President.**

Shannon Haydin asked if there was any interest in Treasurer besides Andy Holschbach. No one spoke of interested. At 1:23 p.m. Perry Linquist nominated Andy Holschbach, seconded by Paul Sebo. Shannon motioned to close nominations. Shannon Haydin declared the only nomination, **Andy Holschbach as Treasurer.**

Shannon asked if Chad Sampson was willing to continue in the role of Secretary. Chad said that was fine. Monte Osterman nominated Chad Sampson and motioned to close nominations, seconded by Paul Sebo. Shannon Haydin declared the only nomination, **Chad Sampson as Secretary.**

Shannon asked Penny about the coordinator role in other Areas. Penny stated the coordinator is usually her main contact for agenda items, website updates, the minutes and the tour. Penny stated the Northwest pays their coordinator. Gary Korb stated that he would be happy to hand off the coordinator role. After some discussion about the duties of the coordinator, Monte Osterman nominated Gary Korb and motioned to close nominations, seconded by Alan Barrows. Shannon Haydin declared the only nomination, **Gary Korb as Coordinator.**

Shannon asked Monte if he is still interested in serving as the LCC Representative. Monte stated that he is interested in the role because he would like to keep things moving forward that he is currently involved in. Chad Sampson nominated Monte Osterman, seconded by Alan Barrows. Shannon Haydin closed nominations. Shannon Haydin declared **Monte Osterman the Southeast Area LCC Representative.**

Shannon asked Alan if he is interested in serving as the SE Area Association. Alan said that he has been the Southeast Area LCD Representative since 2014 and would be interested in continuing that role. Monte Osterman nominated Alan Barrows, seconded by Mark Jenks. Monte complimented Alan and stated that his work has been critical to the organization as it has grown. Shannon closed nominations. Shannon declared **Alan Barrows the Southeast Area LCD Representative.**

Shannon asked if Kay Buske was still on the Racine County LCC. Monte Osterman said the Kay did not run for the County Board and was no longer on the LCC. Shannon stated that the LCC Alternate Representative is only likely to be needed if Monte or Alan cannot make the meeting. Brian Holt that he would be happy to accept a nomination. Monte Osterman nominated Brian Holt, seconded by Paul Sebo. Shannon closed nominations. Shannon declared **Brian Holt the Southeast Area LCC Alternate.**

Shannon asked if anyone would be interested in the LCD Representative. Mark Jenks nominated Shannon Haydin, seconded by Brian Holt. Shannon closed nominations. **Shannon Haydin declared that she (Shannon Haydin) will continue to serve as the LCD Alternate.**

### **Information and Education update:**

Paul Sebo gave a report from Stephanie Egner, which was information from the Youth and Education Committee. Paul Sebo said the poster and speaking contests forms will be sent out prior to the school year. Some back up plans are in place if the regular school year sessions do not begin due to Covid. The theme for 2021 is "Healthy Forest, Healthy Communities."

The WI Envirothon was canceled as well as the national event. All grants and sponsors were contacted and all donations and sponsorships will be equally divided and put towards 2021.

Both Conservation Camps were canceled as well. The new dates for 2021 are June 16-18 for the Sand Lake Camp and June 21-22 for the WI Land and Water Camp in Manitowish Waters. They are always looking for counselors to assist.

Paul continued the report. The Youth and Education Committee wanted to thank everyone for their Silent Auction Item donations for 2021. All funds assist programs and the 2021 events.

Paul Sebo said they bought the poster paper and gave them to the teachers.

Monte Osterman suggested utilizing SE Area funds to help with outreach to the poster contest.

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

Waukesha County: Alan Barrows reported the Village of Lannon has contaminated groundwater and wells issue and are going connect to a municipal source to the cost of \$850,000 over the next two years. They are going to connect 150 houses to a new water main. There is a \$1,000,000 donation through a foundation. Shannon had asked what the contaminant was in the wells. Alan responded that it was primarily E Coli from failing septic systems. The community had 60% wells contaminated with E Coli.

Alan stated that they hired 7 AIS specialists for the summer for Clean Boats, Clean Waters.

Kenosha County: Mark Jenks said they are working with the ACOE to do some restoration work on the south branch of the Pike River. Some preliminary work has been done with soil investigations and phase two work will be completed near an old village dump. Also, some corridor and other environmental considerations are being assessed.

Mark stated there is continued floodplain mitigation on the Fox River. Three additional homes were purchased last year and torn down to be removed from the floodplain. There are still 17 homes that need to be removed, but this will happening as funds are available.

Racine County: Chad Sampson stated Monte Osterman is now the chairman of the Racine County LCC. Monte has been on the committee for 10 years or more. Monte will want more committee meetings, involvement and sharing of information.

Chad continued to state bond projects are being built, especially many water and sediment control basins instead of grassed waterways.

Chad stated the producer led group remains very active. We flew a drone over some fields to show planting green and added this to the Producer Led groups website. The drone is also being utilized for some before, during and after videos and photos.

Washington County: Paul Sebo stated that two of his staff worked in the office during the covid, but all staff has been in the office since May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Paul stated they are in partnership with MMSD, Ozaukee County, Fond du Lac County, and Sheboygan County for an RCPP grant for \$7 million. This is part of a Milwaukee River project.

Paul said in August he is slated to be in front of the Land and Water Board for approval of their Land and Water Resource Management plan.

Walworth County: Shannon stated stakeholders are taking leadership roles in Walworth County, which is leading to the formation of a Producer Led group. Shannon stated Brian Smetana may be assisting with the group. Shannon stated there is momentum around Delavan Lake and Geneva Lake with Producers getting conservation on the ground. Shannon continued to say this was community driven, but the county is at the table to provide guidance and assistance.

Brian Smetana stated that Walworth County has some lakes with no outlets and lake levels have risen. They are trying to figure out where to pump the water to lower the lake levels.

Shannon said they go to the Land and Water Board with their plan in October.

Milwaukee County: Steve Keith said they are up for their 5 year plan review next year.

Steve said they received their county-wide stormwater permit from the DNR. The permit has a lot more requirements, which will require a lot of modeling work.

Steve continued to say they are working on a large watershed restoration planning project going on in Oak Creek. The erosion along the portion of a river in Oak Creek is threatening the road. They are planning streambank stabilization to save the road.

Steve stated they received a grant from the Coastal Resilience program. They are doing a coastal assets inventory. The inventory will include the value, condition and vulnerability of the assets. This will be used for long term capital planning.

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

Shannon asked if we should have a fall tour in Kenosha County. Mark Jenks stated that Kenosha County has not reported back to work yet. Mark didn't know if there would be restrictions or if people would even come. Alan Barrows said restrictions will still likely be in place and suggested postponing the tour. Penny Pohle said one area is doing a virtual tour in Pepin County. Shannon stated since we don't know what the situation will be, it sounds like the best idea might be to cancel. The group collectively decided to postpone until 2021.

### **Other Business:**

Penny Pohle asked staff to send the rosters for Committee members.

Monte Osterman stated that June is Coastal Conservation month.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion was made at 2:27 p.m. by Paul Sebo, seconded by Brian Holt to adjourn. **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes prepared by Chad Sampson