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MINUTES

November 8th, 2019 (to be approved)

Present: Fred Strand; Marty Milanowski; David Zepczyk; Peter Tetzner-Citizen Rep. (9:40am via phone);
Ben Dufford; Travis Tulowitzky; Melissa Kraft; Andrew Teal
Absent: *Ramona Shackelford-NCWMA Coordinator, Gary Haughn-NRCS, and Dave Schultz-Wildlife Damage Specialist*

- 1) **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:30am. It was noted that currently there isn't a quorum present, however it is expected that Peter Tetzner will be joining the meeting via telephone shortly, however until he does no motions/action items will be made until a quorum is present.
- 2) **Public Comment:** None.
- 3) Approval of Minutes (*August 23rd, 2019*) will be reserved until quorum present.
- 4) **Discussion/Possible Action:** Review and consider public comments; review and approval of the 2020-2030 Land and Water Resource Management Plan.

The department, along with Regional Planning, has started the revision of our 10-year plan. Input from the committee on ideas and the direction they see the department heading over the next decade was given. Ben noted the need to add more language regarding Ag practices and noted the need to identify and more accurately reflect work we've done with our farms regarding Nutrient Management and other Ag practices which have been addressed in the draft plan. Discussion on the focus meeting which follows directly after today's LCC meeting, in which partners were invited to participate and provide input. Ben will present the draft plan as required to DATCP in Madison, WI, in December along with Chair Fred Strand.

Peter Tetzner-Citizen Rep. joined the meeting via phone (on speaker) 9:40am. Fred Strand brought Pete up to date on meeting discussions that took place prior to him joining the meeting. Pete noted he was good with the update.

MOTION: Motion by *Marty Milanowski* to approve the minutes of the August 23rd, 2019 meeting, 2nd by David Zepczyk, motion carried.

MOTION: Motion by *Marty Milanowski* to approve the 2020-2030 Land and Water Resource Management Plan for review and approval by the County Board when fully completed, 2nd by David Zepczyk, motion carried.

- 5) **Discussion/Possible Action:** AIS Ordinance – Cheryl Clemens discussed proposal for Bayfield County to amend the Aquatic Invasive Species Do Not Transport Ordinance to require inspection of boats and equipment prior to entry into county lakes. The Lake Owen Association provided the decontamination station, set it up, promoted use of the station and staffed the station. The results were disappointing with only 26 boats coming. She believed the reasons it wasn't successful was 1) the location and 2) that it was not mandatory for people to stop. North outlet landing is believed to have 75% of the boats putting in at that landing. They requested approval through the Forest Service application process but have not heard yet if it is approved. Presented before the Bayfield Co Lakes Forum who voted to support the ordinance at an Oct. meeting. Ben noted he attended a meeting in Drummond. Ben further stated that with moving the location closer to the landing would be more favorable. Amending our current ordinance would be more favorable than a new stand-alone ordinance. They (Lake Owen folks / inspectors) have an incident report form and has staff trained to put information and it would be citizen reporting and well documented. Ben doesn't see it as a big

enforcement issue or a lot of added workload. On average it could take 20 mins to decontaminate a boat if needed or 3 to 4 mins to go through the questions.

Discussion that we will look at other county ordinances and review their language to come up with some amendments for the ordinance after also discussing the issues with the Sheriff's Office. Corp counsel would review the new language to the ordinance and we would then bring the recommendation to the Full County Board for review and approval. **Motion** per above discussion to amend our current AIS ordinance regarding inspection and decontamination of boats prior to going into a body of water.

Motion by Marty Milanowski, 2nd by David Zepczyk, motion carried to amend the AIS ordinance as discussed.

- 6) **Discussion:** Bayfield County CWD Prevention Program Update-Strand/Dufford. The CWD intern Matt, has went to over 50 businesses regarding CWD testing and carcass removal/dumpster placement. Bayfield County has received funds for the Adopt-A-Dumpster program, from various businesses and townships, to cover costs of the dumpster placement /carcass removal. Heart Graphics printed the banister, and signage was received from the DNR for placement at the locations as well. Matt and Ben have also been busy meeting with groups and discussing testing and disposal, as well as monitoring and updating Facebook posts and information on the county website. Pamphlets have been made up and are being distributed and restocked. The goal is to have at least 300 deer tested this season. Fifteen to twenty have been tested thus far in Bayfield County.

Pete left the meeting (via phone) at 9:55am.

Fred discussed the Budget amendment that will be put on Full County Board agenda for review and approval at the Nov. 12th meeting regarding a budget amendment that we recently received official notice of the grant funding award for Clough Island.

Ben noted a few of us from the office surveyed the Delta dump yesterday with Stacy Dehne, DATCP Civil Engineer. Travis and Stacy will begin designing project options this winter.

- 7) **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:11a.m.
- 8) **Next meeting date: February 21, 2020, at 9am.**

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