

Minutes

Sawyer County Land & Water Conservation Committee August 6, 2007

Committee Members Present: Shirley Riedmann Jim Bassett
 Roger Ploger Fred Zietlow
 Bob Vitcenda

Others Present: Stan Strainis, Tiger Cat Lake Association
 Dianne Ince, County Treasurer
 Al Reinemann, Round Lake Property Owners Association
 Sue Kintzinger, Round Lake Property Owners Association
 Kris Mayberry, County Clerk
 Dale Olson, County Conservationist
 Bernie Lenz, P.E., SEH
 Mike Koehler, NRCS
 Carole Dannehl, Osprey Lake Association
 Dan Tyrolt, LCO Conservation Department

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Bassett. Motion by Vitcenda, second by Riedmann, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Riedmann, second by Vitcenda, to approve the July 6, 2007 minutes. Motion carried.

Land Sale Concerns and Release of Gravel Rights

No Business

In Rem Update

Ince distributed an updated list of In Rem parcels that will be included. The updated list reflects the changes made at the July meeting and an additional parcel was removed due to payment of the taxes. The judgment hearing will be held on September 5.

Little Round Lake Dam Recommendations

Minutes from the Round Lake Management Planning Work Group meeting held on July 26 were distributed. Olson reviewed the proposed options. Round Lake Property Owners Association (RLPOA) distributed a written request (copy on file) to delay any recommendations until the engineering firm they hired can respond. Discussion included all the points noted in the recommended options and the new questions presented by RLPOA.

Motion by Riedmann, second by Zietlow, to recommend the following actions and request the DNR review and provide comments regarding the proposed actions prior to the Work Group meeting scheduled for September 13, 2007:

- Request a change in the 1941 PSC order to reflect the natural variations of lake water level
- Replace the present dam with a new more permanent, wider concrete dam that will have higher flow rates than the present dam
- Lower the CTH NN culverts to meet DNR requirements
- DNR action to address the culvert and fill on private property between Little Round and Osprey lakes to allow natural flow during high water events
- Long-term beaver dam management on private, public, and tribal lands with possible guidance from the Beaver Task Force

Motion carried.

SEH Engineering Contract for Lake Placid Dam Abandonment

Olson presented a proposal by SEH to provide engineering services for recommended abandonment general procedures for Lake Placid Dam. The engineering report would be completed within 20 business days at a cost of \$4,300. Motion by Bassett, second by Riedmann, to approve the engineering contract (SEH No. P-SAWYE0707) for \$4, 300 with funding from Dam Maintenance budgeted funds. Motion carried.

NRCS Business

Koehler provided monthly work report. Discussion regarding the potential closing of the Ladysmith FSA/NRCS offices. Sawyer County residents may be required to travel to Washburn or Barron counties for services. Motion by Bassett, second by Vitcenda, to send letters to Leavenworth and Brancel requesting the Ladysmith FSA/NRCS offices remain open. Motion carried.

LCO Business

Tyrolt reported the primary focus currently is to continue water sampling on lakes and streams.

County Work Reports

Work reports distributed and reviewed.

Approve DATCP Grant Reimbursement Request

Reimbursement request for January 1-May 31, 2007 reviewed. Motion by Vitcenda, second by Zietlow, to approve the semi-annual reimbursement request for DATCP SWRM Grant Staff and Support in the amount of \$47,340.36. Motion carried.

Approve Cost-Share Agreements

Cost-share agreements for shoreline protection projects reviewed. Motion by Vitcenda, second by Zietlow, to approve the cost-share agreements for shoreline protection for Maki and Wachs. Motion carried.

Review 2008 Department Budget

Proposed 2008 department budget distributed and reviewed. Motion by Vitcenda, second by Riedmann, to approve the budget with the inclusion of \$60,000 for Dam Maintenance and forward to Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Audience Recognition

None

Review and Approve Monthly Expenditures

Motion by Vitcenda, second by Bassett, to approve the invoices presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Bassett, second by Vitcenda, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

