

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular and budget meeting of the **Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee** was held on Monday, October 26, 2009 in Room 161, UW-Extension -1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Norb Dantine, Bernie Erickson, Mike Fleck, Dan Haefs, Dave Kaster
Norb VandeHei
Also Present: Bill Hafs, Jon Bechle, Jim Jolly, Tom Hinz, Jayme Sellen
Supervisors Andrews, Krueger, LaViolette, Scray & Zima
Sara Perrizo, Lynn VandenLangenberg, Heidi Hietpas, Andrea Konrath

I. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norb Dantine at 5:30 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

Motion made by Supervisor Fleck and seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve the agenda. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of Land Conservation Subcommittee of September 28, 2009:**

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve the minutes. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Non-Budget Items

Communications:

1. **Communication from Supervisor Dantine re: To have Brown County review the inspection fees for manure facilities in Brown County. (Commercial and Farm). (Referred from October County board):**

Supervisor Dantine brought this issue forward to clarify that everyone pays the same. Bill Hafs explained the inspection fee for manure facilities is placed on those farmers owning more than 500 animal units, of which there are 33 in Brown County. The fee is \$500 per animal, per year, or \$16,500 in revenue to the County. Whether there should be an inspection is not under question, but rather Hafs pointed out that liability issues enter, along with several other variables. The integrity of the facility system is under question, whether there has been damage to the liner, etc. Hafs explained that these inspections actually protect the farmer.

Supervisor Erickson suggested that if there is no change from one year to the next, that the fee be reduced to \$250 per animal unit. Supervisor Haefs pointed out that this would be lost revenue and would need to be found elsewhere. Hafs stated that animal waste complaints were projected at 20 for 2009 and the department has already received 70 (addressed under the budget review).
(Supervisor Haefs arrived 5:35 p.m.)

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs and seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET REVIEW

REVIEW OF 2010 DEPARTMENT BUDGET:

2. Land Conservation – Review of 2010 Department Budget:

Performance Measures and Policy Initiatives were highlighted by County Conservationist, Bill Hafs, and a summary distributed (attached).

Performance measures include the item discussed above relative to animal waste complaints, projected to increase to 70 in 2010. In addition, winter spreading is projected to increase, along with number of ordinance permits, and animal waste inspections.

Policy Initiatives were highlighted, with Mr. Hafs requesting a delay in the well abandonment ordinance because of increased workload associated with animal waste complaints and other projects (see attached for details).

Hafs reported a property tax increase of 1.98%. Outlay includes a request for the purchase of a 4 wheel drive vehicle for \$13,286 (photo of present vehicle attached). There will be no additional staff added, with a reduction of a Technician Project Manager for the West Shore Pike Habitat by \$4,000.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Kaster to keep the purchase price in the \$10,000 range for the 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Supervisor Erickson suggested that the purchase of this vehicle be kept in the \$10,000 range, however, discussion by the committee resulted in a consensus that it was a reasonable request and should be left at \$13,286.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Hafs summarized, stating the 2010 budget is overall \$10,000 above 2009, including the vehicle for \$13,000.

Changes in revenues and expenditures were noted, with Hafs stating mistakes were made due a misunderstanding with the new financial system. See attached.

Motion made by Supervisor Fleck and seconded by Supervisor N. VandeHei to approve the 2010 Department Budget as amended to include changes to revenues and expenditures.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Such other matters as authorized by law: None

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor N. VandenHeuvel to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel
Recording Secretary

2010 Land and Water Conservation Department budget presentation

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Performance measures

- Winter spreading plans projected increase to 100 in 2010
- Animal waste complaints projected increase to 70 in 2010
- Ordinance permits increase to 30 in 2010
- Animal waste inspections 35 in 2010

Policy initiatives

- Waste Transformation Plant – testing completed, 2010 seek ownership.
- Well abandonment ordinance – delay because of increased workload associated with animal waste complaints and other projects.
- Dewatering of animal waste grants - 5 @\$300,000 each.
- Fencing of Animal Waste – required by Federal standards, State rules, County ordinance (1/3 meet currently meet standard based upon inspections).
- Expansion of West Shore Pike Habitat Restoration – moving west of hwy 41 to expand spawning habitat, repair culverts, install buffers and restore wetlands.
- Total Maximum Daily Load Project for Fox River and Green Bay – grants from DNR/ EPA evaluation, targeting of cost share and implementation.
- Nutrient Management Plan Technical assistance - nearing 100,000 /160,000 acres with 590 plans. Technical assistance to NWTC to train landowners to write their own 590 plans. 50% of plans currently implemented, NWTC program will increase implementation.

Financial Summary: Property Taxes Increase \$10,933 (1.98%) from \$551,099 to \$562,032.

- **Property Taxes** Increase \$10,933 (1.98%) from \$551,099 to \$562,032.
- **Outlay includes** request for purchase of 4 wheel drive vehicle for \$13,286 (see attached photos)
- **Salaries** no additional staff, reduce Technician/ Project manager for West Shore Pike Habitat by \$4000, Leon Janowski no longer working for LWCD.

Requested Changes-

1. **Revenues** Division 001 General -4302 State Grant Revenue should be decreased by \$90,000 from \$434,816 to \$344,816. \$90,000 should be moved to West Shore Pike Habitat Division 301- West Shore Pike Habitat – 4302.
2. **Revenues** Division 001 General- 4901 Donations should be reduced from \$6000 to \$2000 and \$4000 should be moved to Division 301 West Shore Pike Habitat – 4302.
3. **Revenues** Division 001 Revenues total reduces by \$94,000 to \$1,075,395
4. **Expenditures** Division 001 General -5800 should be reduced by 90,000 to \$17335
5. **Expenditures** Division 001 – General – 5100 should be reduced by \$4000 to \$500,193
6. **Expenditures** Division 048 Expenditure total should be decreased by \$94,000 to \$1,075,396
7. **Revenues** Division Total 301, West Shore Pike Habitat changes to \$94,000
8. **Expenditures** Division 301. Increase supplies (5300) by \$4,000 and increase land owner payments (5801) by \$90,000.
Summary – this was mistake by LWCD during budget entry into system. Moves money into proper accounts – the West Shore Pike Habitat
9. **Revenues** Division 300 4302 Grants increase from 63,000 to 363,000.
10. **Expenditures** Division 300 4302 Grants increase from 63,000 to 363,000.
Summary – Targeted Resource Management grants for 3 landowners amount to \$363,000 and it appears they will not be completed until 2010.



- \$13,286 for 4 wheel drive truck to replace 1995 Ford Bronco 4x4 with 140,000 miles. Needed to transport ATV and equipment for field work.