

**RUSK COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

*“Not Committee Approved”*

**DATE:** March 14, 2017

**ROLL CALL:** A. RATHSACK, G. SWOVERLAND, R. GIERKE, L. LIEFFRING, J. BILLER

**OTHERS PRESENT:** J. KRELL, C. TESKY, S. ZESIGER. P. RICHTER

**Open Session:** Meeting called to order @ 8:00 AM by Alan Rathsack

**Minutes:** Gierke/Biller motion to approve minutes from Feb 14, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 @ 8:00 A.M

**Payment Approval Report:** Gierke/Biller motion to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.

**Wildlife Damage Claim Program:** Zesiger has been preparing for the upcoming season. Not many reports coming in currently. Wolf control bills are going through the House and Senate. They are hoping for lethal control when necessary.

**NRCS Report:** Pat Richter, NRCS District Conservationist from Barron County, reported. He has been with Barron County NRCS since 2004 and worked for Barron County LWCD for 10 years prior to that. EQIP sign-up ended in October and funds leftover had a deadline of March 3. Conservation Stewardship ended February 3. Richter would like to set up a meeting with LWCD staff to get to know current objectives for the department and how we can work together to meet them.

**Land Conservation Report – J. Krell:** Krell reported that the Farm Show is this Saturday. 2016 SWRM report is due March 22 – Reimbursement has been received from the state. The Village of Sheldon has 3 well abandonments they would like assistance with. Mike Srp barnyard construction plans are complete. Staff is also working on another barnyard. Tree sales are still going on. About half the trees have been sold. Schmitz Farms in Bruce is now a CAFO – 1500 animal units - WPDES permitted. They have planned to install a 8.5 million gallon pit by 2018.

**Land Conservation and Development Department:** Tesky reported that two interns have been chosen for this summer’s projects. The remonumentation RFP for the remainder of Stubbs is getting completed.

**Out of County Travel:** NW area Technician’s meeting in Eau Claire for Runstrom. Lieffring/Gierke to approve out-of-county travel. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Lieffring/Gierke motion to adjourn at 8:30 AM. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by CeCe Tesky