

EXTENSION-LCC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Room 2151

Members present: Gary Nelson, Craig Fowler, Jim Gores, Randy Cook, Fran Langman and Audrey Kusilek. Staff present: Tyler Gruetzmacher, Ryan Sterry, Lori Baltrusis, Bronson Thalacker, Patrick Richter, Dave Gifford (8:33), Justin Everson and Kim Collins.

Absent: Kirsten Huth.

Cook called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and Collins confirmed proper posting of the meeting. No public comment.

Motion: (Nelson/Kusilek) to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion: (Gores/Langman)** to approve the minutes of October 3, 2023 meeting; carried. Questions on edit lists were answered; no announcements.

Item #5. Cook discussed the appointment of a Vice Chair to fill the remainder of McRoberts term. **Motion: (Nelson/Langman)** to appoint Jim Gores as Vice Chair for the remainder of the term; carried.

Item #6. Cody Knoop presented a recap of 2023 wildlife damage and presented corn pricing information. After committee discussion, **motion: (Kusilek/Gores)** to set the price at \$5/bushel; carried. Knoop will complete the claims with this information and present them for approval after the remaining agenda items are dealt with.

Item #7. Land & Water Resource Management Plan (LWRMP): 5 Year Review – Gruetzmacher gave an overview of SWCD accomplishments and requested committee input at the March meeting.

Item #8. Staff Reports –

NRCS – Richter presented information on the EQIP and Conservation Stewardship Program sign ups, discussing the cooperation between NRCS and SWCD staff to assist landowners and producers.

FSA – N/A

SWCD – See Item #7

UWEX – Baltrusis discussed staff changes in the Foodwise Program and announced the department’s move to Rice Lake. Ryan Sterry gave an overview of the dairy programs in the area.

Executive Committee – N/A

Fair Board – N/A

Item #6. cont. – Knoop presented two (2) Wildlife Damage claims for approval. **Motion: (Kusilek/Gores)** to approve the claims as presented; carried.

The next meeting is set for March 5, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Future agenda items: *LWRMP: 5 Year Review*

Motion: (Nelson/Langman) to adjourn; meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Russell-Collins
Administrative Secretary, Land Services

Minutes are not official until approved by the Extension/LCC Committee at the next meeting.