

Lumberjack Grant Application

PROJECT TITLE:

WAMSCO Mobile Education Classroom

Submitted by (name):	Shanda Hubertus, WAMSCO President
Organization:	WAMSCO (Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties, Inc)
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Counties:	Menominee and Shawano

Mission Statement: *Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., a multi-county, nonprofit in Northeastern WI, strives to enhance area natural resources, promote a higher standard of living and improve the quality of life for area citizens by fostering partnerships between public and private sectors and strategically investing in area natural resources.*

SUMMARY: Review the Lumberjack Mission Statement above. How does your project align with Lumberjack’s mission? Be specific. The more alignment points, the better your project is viewed.

Answer: WAMSCO (Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties, Inc.) is a two-county non-profit conservation organization. Our mission statement is very much in line with the Lumberjack mission. *“Facilitated education, research, cooperative sharing of resources and best practices between organizations, individuals, government bodies and the general public of Menominee and Shawano Counties inland water bodies, environs, groundwater, wetlands, and watersheds for now and future generations, including, but not limited to: esthetic beauty, water quality, shoreline protection, wildlife habitat, and fisheries.”* The mobile education classroom would allow us to further our mission through hands-on environmental/conservation education.

OBJECTIVES: What problems, concerns or opportunities will this project address? You will be asked to show how your objectives were met when you present your follow-up presentation to the Council.

Answer: Although conservation and environmental responsibility is all over the media, little education is being provided on what everyday citizens can do to protect it. There is so much more than emission control and recycling that needs to be addressed in order for humans and animals to continue to enjoy our natural resources for generations to come. Conservation education is the key to changing behaviors.

Just in our service area, we have over 14,300 acres of surface water. Several of our waterways are already listed as “impaired”. While WAMSCO has been providing conservation educational education since we began in 2014, we realized how difficult it was to get buy-in for best management practices. We quickly understood that WAMSCO needed to figure out how to change that. Education was the answer. By doing hands-on programming with our youth and community members, we were able to show “why” certain practices were not

the best, “what” they could do to make even small changes to their behaviors, and “how” those changes would positively affect the environment around them.

WAMSCO has been working closely with the hugely successful TOAD (Teaching Outdoor Awareness and Discovery) program out of Marinette County to bring that same quality of conservation education to our area. We started our pilot program with the Wittenberg/Birnamwood School District for their summer school session in 2019. We were very excited on how well received this was, but also very aware of how much extra effort it took to haul everything in volunteer’s vehicles. Having the mobile education classroom would eliminate that need, make for easier transportation of supplies and equipment, provide for one spot storage to “hook up and go” to many more educational opportunities, and allow for more hands-on teaching tools to be brought to each location.

FORMULATION & EVALUATION: Why is this project the best way to address the issues described above? How will the outcome be evaluated? Be specific – outcomes that can be measured are viewed more favorably.

Answer: Having a mobile education classroom will allow WAMSCO to be able to easily store and transport large quantities of supplies and equipment to various locations without having to rely on volunteer transportation, which, oftentimes, is limited in space. The extra space for more supplies and equipment will allow us to provide a more well-rounded and larger hands-on experience for our event attendees. This will provide them with the most beneficial methods of education for comprehension and retention. Feedback will be gathered from our attendees following each event to evaluate the effectiveness of our messaging based on the hands-on learning opportunities we will be providing. After evaluating that feedback, we will continue to adapt our program as necessary including purchase teaching materials that will allow our attendees the best possible hands-on learning experience.

In addition, the mobile classroom will offer not only advertising for WAMSCO, but also those that so graciously sponsored us. This provides more name recognition for WAMSCO and shows that our sponsors are contributing to conservation efforts as well. The expectation is that this will bring about more donations in the future to continue this vital project.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: Why is assistance needed from Lumberjack? Who within your organization will run the project? Describe the assistance you are receiving from other partners. Include Letters of Support as outlined in Lumberjack’s Granting Policy.

Answer: WAMSCO is completely grant and donation funded. The majority of our staffing is DNR grant funded. WAMCO has many professional resources, including DNR, LCD (Shawano and Menominee Counties), UW Extension, UW-Madison, and Lakescape Solutions that offer their invaluable expertise. We have numerous volunteers that help with a multitude of projects from education booths to shoreline restoration projects. This being said, WAMSCO is only limited by its funding sources. We have made much progress toward our mobile education classroom. This last bit of funding would complete this project and greatly expand this wonderful program.

CoVantage Cares was our first contributor in 2020 with \$500 toward the mobile classroom. We abruptly came to a halt due to the pandemic as soon as we received this funding. In February of this year, they contributed an additional \$1000. WE Energies Foundation awarded WAMSCO a total of \$9000 for educational equipment and supplies. We are only putting \$6000 of this as cost share for this grant, as \$3000 of their funding was utilized as cost share in our DNR education grants (4 \$5000 grants from 2021-2022 utilized for staffing our education program). Torborgs Shawano Lumber has committed to donate \$1500 in lumber and supplies for the interior retrofitting for storage space and shelving. Mirsberger Sales & Service has committed to \$175 discount on the actual trailer. DOTCOM Branding has donated their labor valued at \$300 for applying the branding to the outside of the trailer. In addition, WAMSCO has numerous volunteers that will also roll up their sleeves and contribute volunteer labor to assist in the retrofit and stocking of the mobile classroom.

Please see the letters of support and proof of funds received toward this project attached.

PROJECT OUTLINE & TIMETABLE: List the project steps and expected completion dates. Could there be any possible roadblocks? If so, list them here.

Answer: Fundraising has been ongoing for this vital project. Cost share donations that are earmarked for this project have been included in our grant application. Purchasing of educational supplies/equipment has begun. This was sidelined due to the COVID pandemic, virtual education, pricing that was expediential increased, and local businesses unable to contribute during those unprecedented times. Since face-to-face education has resumed, we felt it important to restart this effort. The following timeline will be followed if grant funding is awarded:

- January-February 2023: Purchase enclosed trailer
- February-May 2023:
 - Purchase storage bins and containers for equipment/supplies.
 - Retrofit inside of trailer with shelving and storage spaces for all educational equipment and supplies. This will be done per the contractor's schedule.
- May-June 2023: Wrap trailer with WAMSCO branding along with our sponsor's logos. This will be done as soon as the interior retrofit is completed.

WAMSCO has already encountered roadblocks in our project due to the pandemic. We do not foresee any further obstacles once funding has been secured.

BUDGET: Complete the attached Budget Form. Remember the 50% match value requirement with 15% of the match being cash. List each match donor in the 'Match' column and submit a corresponding Letter of Support with specific value of in-kind/services or cash for the project for which funds are being asked. Note: This form is available in excel online at: <https://lumberjackrcd.org/projects>

LUMBERJACK BUDGET FORM

Project Name: _____ WAMSCO Mobile Education

Classroom Starting Project Date _____ Ending Project Date **1**
 1/1/23 6/1/23

Income (SPECIFY)	Cash	Match (Cash & In-Kind) 2,3	Total
YOUR Request of Lumberjack RC&D	\$7,500.00		\$ 7,500.00
Torborgs Shawano Lumber (lumber/supplies for retrofit)		\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
CoVantage Credit Union (cash already donated)		\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
WE Energies (educational supplies)		\$6,000.00	
Volunteer Labor @ \$15/hr X 35 hrs (CoVan=10, SAWM=10, Crossways=5, Cloverleaf=10)		\$525.00	\$ 525.00
Mirsberger Sales & Service (discount on trailer)		\$175.00	\$ 175.00
DOTCOM branding		\$300.00	\$ 300.00
		\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 17,500.00

Percent of Match=Match Total/Lumberjack Request	133%
LJ Percent of Total = YOUR LJ Request/Total Expenses	43%

General Expenses (SPECIFY & include Match expenses)	
Enclosed 6x12 trailer	\$5,000.00
Wrap of trailer for logo and sponsor advertising	\$1,100.00
Educational supplies	\$7,000.00
Lumber and Supplies for retrofitting inside of trailer	\$2,200.00
Storage Bins for equipment	\$400.00
Incidentals	\$300.00
Labor for retrofit	\$1,500.00
	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 17,500.00
NET 4	\$ -

1 Lumberjack Project funds are available for one year from the date of the approval notice

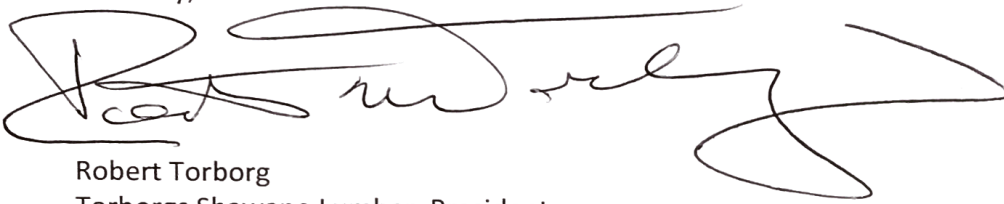
11/28/2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of WAMSCO's grant application for a mobile education classroom. It is my understanding that WAMSCO is applying for grant funding to purchase an enclosed trailer and outfitting it with conservation education supplies. Torborgs Lumber pledges to provide supplies to retrofit the inside of the trailer with shelving, etc. from our surplus inventory at a value up to \$1500.

Thank you for considering WAMSCO for this grant to help our communities' conservation efforts.

Sincerely,



Robert Torborg
Torborgs Shawano Lumber, President

Robert Torborg
President

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From: [We Energies Foundation](#)

Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 2:30 PM

To: wccWAMSCO@outlook.com

Subject: We Energies Foundation supports Waterways Association Of Menominee And Shawano Counties Inc

Dear Lydia:

In response to your request, the We Energies Foundation is happy to inform you of the following contribution:

Program/Project: Environmental Educational Program (supplies only)

Amount: \$9,000.00

We are making this contribution because we believe that together, we can create a brighter future for the communities we serve. The check will be mailed to you shortly.

Any recognition for this contribution should state:

We Energies Foundation

The use of our name and/or logo in promotional materials must be approved by our Corporate Communications department. Please contact Trisha Bournelis (trisha.bournelis@wecenergygroup.com or 414-221-2864) or Jennifer Nygaard (jennifer.nygaard@wecenergygroup.com or 414-221-4717) for our logo and approval.

If your organization offers social media recognition, you may tag us on Facebook @WeEnergies and on Twitter @We_Energies.

Please contact me should you have any questions regarding this contribution.

Sincerely,

Lisa Maynard
Foundation Administrator

We Energies Foundation
office: 414-221-2107



Note from Tracy Beckman: This letter didn't list the amount of the 'financial support' referenced. I informed the applicant and by the end of the day on 12/29, we'd received an updated letter from CoVantage Cares - it's the last page of the packet.

November 29, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

CoVantage Cares Foundation is in full support of WAMSCO's conservation education programming. We understand that they are applying for additional funding to complete their mobile education classroom. CoVantage pledges 10 hours of volunteer labor in addition to the financial support we have already contributed.

Thank you for your consideration for WAMSCO in their grant application and please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morgan Swanson".

Morgan Swanson

Foundation Director

(920)720-2572 ext. 5324

morgan.swanson@covantagecu.org



November 29, 2022

Subject: Shawano Area Waterways Management (SAWM)'s Support for WAMSCO Trailer Purchase

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support the efforts of WAMSCO (Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties).

I understand that WAMSCO is applying for a grant to purchase an enclosed trailer to house and transport educational materials used for various programs throughout Shawano and Menominee Counties. We fully support this purchase and pledge 10 volunteer hours to help outfit the trailer with the shelves and containers necessary to safely store this material.

WAMSCO programs directly benefit the students in the Shawano Area School District, as well as those districts in the surrounding area. In addition, WAMSCO staff supports our efforts in protecting Shawano Lake and the surrounding watershed. Collecting data for the Shawano Lake watershed, providing technical assistance, and native plantings are vital to restoring and maintaining our waterways.

I appreciate your considering WAMSCO for this grant opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Zelinger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

David Zelinger
Chair, Fisheries and Wildlife Committee
Shawano Area Waterways Management
PO Box 204
Shawano, WI 54166-0204



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www.crosswayscamps.org

November 29, 2022

To Whom It Concerns,

I am writing in support of the WAMSCO Mobile Community Education Trailer.

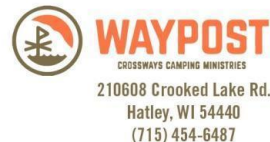
I am the Director at Imago Dei Village on Long Lake. The Community Education program WAMSCO provides has been an incredible asset to campers of all ages. This program has enriched our environmental education and is an important resource for people in our area. By gaining a trailer, this program would be able to reach more people more efficiently. Their message is important and needs to be shared.

As part of my support for this project, I pledge to donate 5 hours of volunteer time to assist in stocking and organizing the Mobile Classroom. I am excited for the opportunity to assist with this project and can't wait to see how the Mobile Classroom will grow in its impact and influence!

Peace overflowing,

Jess Throlson

Camp Director -Imago Dei Village





CLOVERLEAF LAKES
PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 288
Embarrass, WI 54933-0288

Nov. 29, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of our lake association board of directors, I take this opportunity to wholeheartedly support the grant application being submitted by the Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties (WAMSCO).

Their proposal to obtain and outfit a mobile education classroom promises great benefit. It will be a high-visibility, high-impact tool for reaching people of all ages on the value of best practices in land and watershed conservation.

My particular lake association does several large community events each year at which this unit might be deployed to reach an ever-widening audience. Additionally, we will pledge up to 10 hours of manpower necessary to get the unit up and running its first year.

Our local school district here, the Clintonville schools, extends into southern Shawano County. Personally, I can envision a growing partnership that will make watershed education a bigger part of the experience for their students. This grant could help make that happen.

Thank you for considering the WAMSCO proposal. Feel free to contact me if you would have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Sampson
Director and Immediate Past President, Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association

CSampson@new.rr.com
Cell 920 606-2081



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Customer: WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION OF SHAWANO AND MENOMINEE COUNTIES
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I hereby agree to purchase, under the terms and conditions specified, the following:

Description of Purchase					
STOCK #	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN	PRICE
FO21610	2023	New FORMULA TRAILERS	CLASSIC SERIES 6X12 /	5JW9E1212PB021610	\$4,995.00

Optional Equipment & Accessories
LOOSE STEEL SPARE #9400303

Trade Info			
Trade 1:	Odometer:		
VIN#	Allowance: \$0.00	Payoff: \$0.00	
Lien Holder:			

Selling Price Summary	
Sales Price	\$4,995.00
Discount	\$175.00
N/A	\$0.00
Trade Allowance(s)	\$0.00
Optional Equipment & Accessories	\$180.00
Net Selling Price	\$5,000.00
Title Fee	\$0.00
M.V.T.F.	\$0.00
License Fee	\$0.00
Loan Filing Fee	\$0.00
Other Fees	\$0.00
Credit Card Surcharge	\$0.00
Excise Tax	\$0.00
Out of State Tax	\$0.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00
Trade Payoff(s)	\$0.00
Total Amount Due	\$5,000.00
Less Down Payment	\$0.00
Less Deposit	\$0.00
Balance or Amount Financed	\$5,000.00

Loan Information	
Finance Company:	N/A
Address:	N/A
	N/A
APR: 0.00%	Monthly Payment
Term: -1 months	\$0.00

 Manager Signature Date Buyer Signature Date Buyer Signature Date

Terms & Conditions
Down payments are non-refundable. Quotes are valid for 10 days. Mirsberger Sales & Service Inc. reserves the right to change price, options, and specifications without notice or obligation. We impose a 3% surcharge on all credit card transactions over \$1,000. All units are required to be picked-up within 2 weeks of arrival.



Shawano, Wi 715.432.8856

QUOTE

632435447

Dotcom Branding
142 S Main Street
Shawano, Wi 54166

Date: Nov 29, 2022

Due Date: Dec 9, 2022

Balance Due: \$800.00

Bill To:

WAMSCO Watershed
Conservation
Coordinator

Ship To:

Bethanie Ebben

Item	Quantity	Rate	Amount
Trailer Lettering / Logo Placement - Both Sides W/ Sponsor Logos / Wording	1	\$800.00	\$800.00
Install Time - FREE (Donation) (\$300 Value)	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Total:	\$800.00

**Menominee Town/ County
Land Conservation Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

1. *Call to order. Roll call.* Ben Warrington calls meeting to order at 8:30am. Keith Tourtillott and Heather Pyatskowitz are also present. Mary Menore and Ruth Winter are absent. Also present, Jeremy Johnson, Abby Vogt, and Shanda Hubertus.
2. *Approval of meeting minutes from September 15, 2022.* Keith motions to approve minutes, second by Heather. All in favor, motion passes.
3. *WAMSCO grant application to Lumberjack RC&D.* Jeremy gives a quick synopsis of WAMSCO and the Lumberjack grant program. Shanda describes the proposed project, funds required and being asked from Lumberjack RC&D, and the specific donated time and money they have already received toward the project. The project is to buy an enclosed trailer that will be retrofitted as a mobile education unit for Menominee and Shawano Counties. The committee asks a few questions for clarification. Motion made by Keith to support the grant application, motion seconded by Heather. All in favor, motion passes.
4. *Timberland Invasive Partnership update and field season overview.* Abby introduces herself as the newer TIP Coordinator, for those folks that haven't met her yet. She then gives an overview of field work by the seasonal technicians, including the number of acres that were monitored and treated in Menominee. TIP annual meeting will be held on February 15 and all are invited.
5. *Financial/grants update.* Jeremy describes the main grants that the department uses. DNR state AIS grant funds will be the same as the past two years at just under \$11,000. SWRM grant funds through DATCP are expected to also remain the same. We currently receive \$114,000 annually, of which \$94,000 is for salary, fringes, and supply needs. The other \$20,000 is for cost-share projects, of which this committee reviews and allocates those funds for approved cost-share practices (such as shoreline stabilizations and habitat buffers). Also, the state recycling grant is expected to be the same which is typically around \$80,000.
6. *Other items for discussion.* Jeremy mentions to the committee that Lacy has resigned and moved to a different job last week. He also mentions that it may be difficult to fill that position at this time, so the county will contract with Lumberjack RC&D like we did 4 years ago. Abby will work for TIP and the County and keep the time separate. We will then be billed by Lumberjack for county time worked at a contract price agreed upon by both parties. Jeremy will post the position closer to spring.
7. *Next meeting date and agenda items.* The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2023 at 8:30 am.
8. *Adjournment.* Meeting is adjourned at 9:20 am.



Minutes

Land Conservation Committee Meeting

**Thursday, December 1, 2022 @ 8:00 AM
Shawano County Courthouse, Meeting Room 7**

Members Present: David Heideman, Devin Krizan, Thomas Kautza, Joe Miller, Wayne Nischke, and Arlyn Tober

Members Absent:

Others Present: Scott Frank, Jacob Buettner & Mary George (LCD); Barb Mendoza (FRESH Project); Shanda Hubertus (WAMSCO); Randall Wollenhaup (Stockbridge-Munsee Community); James Davel (Administration)

1. Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Tober.

2. Motion to deviate from the order of the agenda, if necessary.

Motion made by Kautza, seconded by Heideman to allow deviation from the order of items on the agenda if necessary. Motion prevailed by acclamation.

3. Public comment.

None

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

Motion made by Kautza, seconded by Krizan to accept the minutes for November 3, 2022 LCC meeting as written. Motion prevailed by acclamation. Chairman Tober deviated to item #6. (Nischke arrived 8:03 AM)

5. Agency reports:

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Farm Service Agency

Nischke reported they received their annual report from Loan Officer Casey John Plamann there were 213 loans in Shawano County with 8 delinquencies. It's been a good year for crops but with a lot of corn still in the field due to lack of room at the mills. They are still looking for help at the office. Discussion followed. Chairman Tober deviated to item #6.3.

6. Discuss and take possible action on grant proposals to Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council.

6.1 FRESH Project

Barb Mendoza from the FRESH Project gave a brief background of the project's 1st and 2nd phases explaining where they grow the vegetables and fruit for the food pantries, mobile market, etc. Mendoza then explained the 3rd phase: Expanding the Red River Garden, which includes the ability to use a 150'x150' area of donated land to expand the garden. They are requesting \$10,000 which

would be used for preparing the land, 900' of fencing, creating a wash station for harvested produce as well as the purchase of additional supplies. After discussion, a motion made by Miller, seconded by Kautza to recommend approval of the FRESH Project proposal to the Lumberjack RC&D Council. Motion prevailed by acclamation.

6.2 Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties

Shanda Hubertus from WAMSCO gave a brief presentation of their new project: WAMSCO Mobile Education Classroom that is modeled after the Teaching Outdoor Awareness & Discovery (TOAD) program in Marinette County which is a hands-on type of education. This project needs an enclosed trailer to hold the equipment for teaching this program. They have acquired some funding from other sources and are requesting \$7,500 which is the remainder of funds needed for this project. After discussion, a motion made by Miller, seconded by Krizan to recommend approval of the WAMSCO Project proposal to the Lumberjack RC&D Council. Motion prevailed by acclamation. Chairman Tober deviated to item #12.

6.3 Shawano County Land Conservation Dept

Frank gave a brief presentation of the LCD's Project: Youth Conservation Field Days for 5th grade students which are held at Navarino Nature Center and Wilson Creek Orchard. Frank explained the costs and various support needed for holding these events. The LCD is requesting \$2,950 for this project. After discussion a motion made by Miller, seconded by Krizan to recommend approval of the Shawano County Conservation Field Days Project proposal to the Lumberjack RC&D Council. Motion prevailed by acclamation. Chairman Tober deviated to item #8.

7. Land Conservation staff reports.

Frank stated Blake has been busy tidying up projects for Bob Schmidt and Breitenfeldt in which they received cost share this year as well as working on recent request for Gary Przybylski on a manure transfer/reception tank for a new free stall barn. He also worked with processors on deer donations and testing for CWD. Frank stated the last 2 shoreland projects for 2022 had been completed and payments were processed, the LCD received a \$500 Cellcom Green Gifts award for the Youth Conservation Field Days, the NMP Farmers workshop will be held December 9th with 10 farmers currently registered. Buettner has been working on cover crop inspections, Multi Discharger Variance project for harvestable buffers, helping get ready for the NMP workshop and taking an AutoCAD class at NWTC which ends December 15, 2022. Discussion was interspersed throughout the reports. Chairman Tober deviated to item #5.

8. Discuss and take possible action on approval of cost share payments for Back 40 Project through Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance.

Buettner stated this is a program through Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance for cover crop/no-till practices which allows 100 Acres per county for 2 years. This program offers \$10,000 with \$9,000 cost shared to farms and \$1,000 incentive for the county. Buettner displayed a map of Shawano County showing where the 5 farms who signed up for the program are located adding we are requesting cost share for single species cover crop at \$48.47 per acre. The only upfront cost for the county will be the payment to the farm then the county will be reimbursed through Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance. After discussion, motion made by Kautza, seconded by Miller to approve cost share payments for Back 40 Soil Health Project as presented. Motion prevailed by acclamation.

9. Report on 10/7/22 Lake Michigan Area meeting.

Heideman stated he and Buettner attended the LMA meeting in Sheboygan County. There was quite a long discussion regarding the PFAS issues with no actions taken. They also had a guest speaker, Jake Devine from Glacierland RC&D who spoke about things they were doing such as prevention/control of invasive species: garlic mustard and boat cleaning at boat launches; urban wood project (the processing of wood) and firewood vendor database.

10. Report on 10/19/22 Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council meeting.

Tober stated he attended the meeting where they set a budget of \$60,000 for grants. This amount was set for the next 2 years and explained how they came to this amount. Tober noted Chris Arrowood (Langlade County Conservation) discussed how their county administrator wanted the grant projects to go through the county administrator then be approved by the county board. Tober added he didn't feel this should change and after a long discussion the Lumberjack RC&D Council voted to keep it the way it has been which is going through each county LCC. They met the new TIP coordinator and made new forms for the ranking of the grant proposals where projects that are also funded by tax dollars should not be looked upon as favorably as before.

11. Discuss and take possible action on Notice of Non-compliance to be issued for Farmland Preservation Program.

Frank stated there is one Notice of Non-Compliance with the Farmland Preservation Program for Leon & Rita Smith Life Estate and explained their voluntary removal from the program due to requirements of cropland conservation standard for tillage setback to surface water. Motion made by Tober, seconded by Miller to approve issuing a Notice of Non-compliance with the Farmland Preservation Program for Leon & Rita Smith Life Estate as presented. Motion prevailed by acclamation. Chairman Tober deviated to item #13.

12. Discuss and take possible action on draft WI Wolf Management Plan 2022.

Frank stated that Randall Wollenhaup came and spoke earlier this year in February regarding the Wolf Management Plan and he asked him to come back to help explain the new draft of this plan by the WI DNR. Frank added the committee or individuals have a 60-day comment period (through 1/10/23) if they wish to do so. Wollenhaup, Ecology Department Manager for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, explained how the draft came to be adding that no one was completely happy with it and many compromises came about with it. Wollenhaup explained why there wasn't any targeted wolf population amount goal adding they created new zones which would help with areas where there are issues with wolves. If the wolf comes off the endangered list this plan will help us with depredation issues through management actions. Wollenhaup added the committee or any person can submit comments if they so choose. Following discussion, there was no action taken. Chairman Tober deviated to item #7.

13. Review and discuss 2022 Budget Report for Land Conservation Dept.

Frank displayed the year-to-date Budget Report through Nov. 30 and explained various line items to the committee adding the LCD will most likely be under budget for the year. After a brief discussion Frank asked going forward, the preference of the committee to have the report included in the agenda packet and it was the consensus of the committee to include it in the agenda packet.

14. Discuss and take possible action on extension of timber sale contract 2-2015.

Frank stated the most recent timber sale contract extension for Mielke Park and the Landfill recently expired. The logger was able to fulfill the Mielke Park portion of the contract but due to weather conditions the Landfill site again was unable to be completed. Frank suggested renewing the contract for 2 years with the current contractor. Following discussion, a motion by Kautza, seconded by Heideman to extend the expired contract for 2 years. Motion prevailed by acclamation. Chairman Tober deviated to item #17.

15. It is anticipated that a motion will be made and seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 19.85(1) (c) to discuss and deliberate concerning the performance evaluation of the County Conservationist, who is an employee over which the county exercises jurisdiction.

Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Nischke to go into closed session to discuss performance evaluation of the County Conservationist. Chairman Tober asked for a roll call vote: Kautza – yes, Miller – Yes, Nischke – Yes, Heideman – Yes, Krizan – Yes, Tober – Yes. Motion carried at 9:21 AM.

16. It is anticipated that a motion will be made and seconded to come out of closed session to take any action deemed appropriate concerning the closed session item, if any, and to continue with the agenda.

Motion by Kautza, second by Krizan to come out of closed session to take any action deemed appropriate concerning the closed session item, if any, and to continue with the agenda. Chairman Tober asked for a roll call vote: Kautza – yes, Miller – Yes, Nischke – Yes, Heideman – Yes, Krizan – Yes, Tober – Yes. Motion carried at 9:28 AM. It was the consensus of the committee to follow Davel’s recommendations. Chairman Tober deviated to item #21.

17. Correspondence and news.

Frank stated he received the updated WI Land+Water Land Conservation Committee Handbook 2022-2024 as well as the WI Land+Water Annual Report 2021 and distributed them last month to the LCC members who were present and then distributed these items to the committee members who were absent at the last meeting.

18. New business that is requested for future committee consideration.

None

19. Approve travel and meeting requests, if necessary.

None

20. Set next meeting date.

January 5, 2023 at 8:00 AM. Chairman Tober deviated to item #15.

21. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by Tober, seconded by Kautza. Motion prevailed by acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM.

Recorded by: Scott Frank, Conservationist and Mary George, Office Assistant III



December 29, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

The CoVantage Cares Foundation is in full support of WAMSCO's conservation education programming. We understand that they are applying for additional funding to complete their mobile education classroom and we hope you will consider supporting. In addition to the \$1,500 in grants that we have funded, CoVantage has pledged to provide 10 hours of volunteer support.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting WAMSCO.

Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Morgan E Swanson
CoVantage Cares Foundation Director