

Minutes of Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board
December 4, 2012
St. Cloud, Minnesota

Present: *Brian McBride, Chair Kooch County (NC)
Pat Henderson, ARDC
Keith Myrleseth, BWSR
*Jack Swanson, Roseau County (NC)
Joe Vene, Beltrami County (JPNR)
Quentin Fairbanks, Beltrami County (JPNR)
Jerry Dahl, Mahnommen County (JPNR)
Warren Affledt, Polk County
*Don Jensen, Pennington County (NC)
*Wade Pavleck, Kooch County (NC)
Ken Moorman, LOW County (JPNR)
Duane Hays, Clearwater County
Dale Krystosek, BWSR
Gerry Shram, Becker County
Don Skarie, Becker County
Paul Thiede, Crow Wing County
Ben Grimsley, Becker County
*Fritz Sobanja, Cook County (NC)
*Chris Dahlberg, St. Louis County (NC)
*Todd Beckel, LOW County (NC & JPNR)
Lori Dowling Hanson, DNR
Steve Hirsch, DNR – Water Resources
Bob Lessard, DNR – Liaison
Leon Olson, Kittson County
Gary Kiesow, Marshall County (JPNR)
*Rich Sve, Lake County (NC)
Mitch Pangerl, Pine County
*Steve Rauker, St. Louis County (NC)
*Brian Napstad, Aitkin County (NC)
Congressman Nolan
(* Denotes NCLUCB)

Call to Order: Northern Counties held a joint meeting with the Joint Powers Consolidated Conservation Natural Resource Board in St. Cloud, MN at 9:00 a.m.

Administrative Action:

1. Minutes of the November 1, 2012 Meeting: moved by Sobanja, seconded by Swanson; carried unanimously.
2. NCLUCB financials & bills: moved by Swanson, seconded by Beckel; carried unanimously.

Issues for Discussion (abbreviated minutes by chair):

1. Land asset management – Comm. Swanson led discussion relating to what has happened in Roseau County with the DNR and Land Auctions.
2. PILT – Comm. Becker & Sve reported on progress with PILT discussions with State of MN.
3. Wet Lands – Comm. Napstad & Pavleck reported on BWSR’s work on the executive order. Both felt satisfied with the results and encouraged NC’s supporting the draft being presented to Gov. Dayton. Motion by Beckel, seconded by Sve to have Chair and Administrative Assistant to send a letter of support of the draft to BWSR. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Congressman Nolan joined the meeting. He thanked everyone for their support and pledged to work with the counties.

4. Invasive species/shore land rules – Commissioner Pavleck led the discussion stating the counties have been stretched too far dealing with the wetland issues, and now the opening of the shore land rules by the DNR. He and others felt that invasive species should be the focus of the DNR, not shore land rules. DNR spokesman, Steve Hirsch, agreed that invasive species is an important issue; however, he stated that the DNR only wants to restore its power and direction that it once used to have. He kept stating, “TRUST US ON THIS ONE”.

At this time, the Chair thanked Commissioners Beckel and Sobanja for their service to Northern Counties. Also thanked were Commissioners Hanson, Fairbanks, and Walker for their service to the NRJP Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2013 in Chisholm at 9:30 a.m.

Chair McBride adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Chair McBride