

The Environment and Land Use Committee met in Room A-200 of the Administration Center.

Present: Supervisors Dohrwardt, Hazelwood, Stumpf, Niehaus and FSA Representative Dobberfuhl. Staff: Assistant County Administrator Dzwinel, Land & Water Management Director Holschbach, Planning & Parks Director Struck, and Deputy Clerk Henning.

Others Present: Supervisors Marchese and Rothstein

Absent: Supervisor Kaul

Note: * FSA Representative vote included.

Call to Order/Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda*: Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dohrwardt at 8:30AM. Assurance that the meeting was properly noticed, so noted by Ms. Henning. Motion made by Supervisor Niehaus, seconded by FSA Representative Dobberfuhl to adopt the agenda as presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Public Comments/Correspondence and Communications: None

Land & Water Management Department:

Action Item:

Approval to Submit Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Proposal - A Strategic Approach to Improve The Water Quality of Sauk & Sucker Creeks, A Wisconsin Buffer Initiative Pilot Project*:

Mr. Holschbach stated that Great Lakes Restoration Fund is \$475 million that Congress has appropriated toward the Great Lakes to help improve the water quality of the Great Lakes ecology. It is not considered stimulus funds. For this Request for Proposal (RFP) there is \$120 million to be awarded and they are likely to award 400 projects in five major focus areas; Toxic Substances, Invasive Species, Nearshore Health and Nonpoint Source Pollution, Habitat and Wildlife Protection and Restoration, and Accountability, Education, Monitoring, Evaluation, Communication and Partnerships. The application is due January 29, 2010.

Mr. Holschbach is applying for the grant in the Nearshore Health and Nonpoint Source Pollution area. Approximately 40 projects could be awarded through the eight state region.

The area of focus involves two watersheds that drain directly to Lake Michigan; Sauk and Sucker Creeks. The total proposed funding request is \$999,260 and a match is not required. The project area consists of 47 square miles. It is widely supported because it is designed to quickly and effectively improve water quality by eliminating inputs of pollution to Great Lakes swimming beaches. Agricultural runoff and inadequately treated human waste are the main contributing factors to beach closures due to potential exposure issues to harmful bacteria, high concentrations of nutrients, suspended solids and sediment observed in the watersheds, leading to nuisance algal growth which is abundant at Harrington Beach State Park and Upper Lake Beach Park in Port Washington.

The three-year Watersheds project is designed to: result in measurable watershed remediation by implementing farm and non-urban landowner BMPs, serve as a demonstration project transferable to any other Great Lake Coastal County, result in reductions to nonpoint sources of phosphorus and human waste through quick identification of origin, exhibit implementation on non-infrastructure watershed planning mechanisms, and provide an enhanced phosphorus modeling tool. This project is a collaborative expansion of the Wisconsin Buffer Initiative Pecatonica River Pilot Project. Discussion.

Mr. Holschbach reviewed project costs and indicated that a key goal is to obtain funds from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to support this project. Key project participants were reviewed as well.

The expected primary outcome is to have the results serve as a “role-model” demonstration project with excellent transferability to prove effective reductions in nonpoint sources of phosphorus and inadequately treated human waste.

Motion by Supervisor Stumpf, seconded by Supervisor Hazelwood to approve the submittal of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Proposal – A Strategic Approach to Improve the Water Quality of Sauk & Sucker Creeks, A Wisconsin Buffer Initiative Pilot Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Planning and Parks Department:

Action Item:

Approval to Submit Three Grant Proposals for the Federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Grant Funding Through Various Federal Agency Request for Proposals (RFP's) including the proposals entitled:

- 1) Enhancing Ecologic Productivity of Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern (AOC) Watersheds
- 2) An Effective and Acceptable Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Barrier for the Milwaukee Estuary AOC
- 3) Biological and Sediment Monitoring for the Milwaukee AOC

Mr. Struck stated that Ozaukee County, in conjunction with several partners including the Ozaukee County Highway Department, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and several local municipalities, is proposing to submit three grant applications to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant funding through various federal agency request for proposals (RFPs). These grant submittals are consistent and complementary to the recently funded \$4.7 million grant awarded by the NOAA to Ozaukee County for improving connectivity and providing for fish passage in the Milwaukee River Watershed and Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern (AOC). The three proposals will address three different aspects to fish passage, native habitat and ecological improvements including: Enhancing Ecologic Productivity of Milwaukee Estuary AOC Watersheds, An Effective and Acceptable Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Barrier for the Milwaukee Estuary AOC, and Biological and Sediment Monitoring for the Milwaukee AOC.

Mr. Struck further indicated that this Request for Proposal (RFP), in conjunction with other funding opportunities under the Initiative, will be used to competitively provide funding to address the most significant Great Lakes ecosystem problems and efforts in five major focus areas: 1) Toxic Substances and Areas of Concern, 2) Invasive Species, 3) Nearshore Health and Nonpoint Source Pollution, 4) Habitat and Wildlife Protection and Restoration, 5) Accountability, Education, Monitoring, Evaluation, Communication and Partnerships.

The three proposals extend the reach and positive outcomes of the NOAA Fish Passage Program, which is to reconnect the Milwaukee River and its tributaries to Lake Michigan for native fish spawning and passage. This RFP does not require matching funds for the grant proposal; however, it is an advantage for funding. Discussion regarding the three proposals.

Motion made by Supervisor Hazelwood, seconded by Supervisor Niehaus to approve the submittal of three grant applications for the Federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Grant Funding Through Various Federal Agency Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the Three Programs Entitled: 1) Enhancing Ecologic Productivity of Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern (AOC) Watersheds, 2) An Effective and Acceptable Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Barrier for the Milwaukee

kee Estuary AOC, and 3) Biological and Sediment Monitoring for the Milwaukee AOC. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (4-0)

University Extension Office:

Action Item:

Approval of Employment Contracts: Motion made by Supervisor Stumpf, seconded by Supervisor Hazelwood to approve the employment contracts signed at the previous meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (4-0)

Next Meeting Date: Friday, February 5, 2010 – 10:00 AM (Change in meeting time due to First Friday Forum)

Adjournment*: Motion made by Supervisor Stumpf, seconded by FSA Representative Dobberfuhl to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 10:10AM

Lisa M. Henning, Deputy County Clerk