

**Targeting Working Lands and Operations
Calumet County Pilot Project
Meeting 4 Notes, July 9, 2008, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

Attendance: , Kenn Buelow, Eugene McLeod, Dena Mleziva, Rose Moehn, Deb Reinhart-Geiser, Doug Thiel, Lylas Tremble,. Don Waldvogel, Doug Miskowiak, Mary Kohrell

Unable to attend: Mike Hofberger, Joe Sprangers, Dale Voskuil

Public present: Dani Santry

Approve agenda and minutes from previous meeting

The agenda was approved as presented. Minutes from the April 9 and May 14 meetings were distributed previously to members. The May 9 minutes were read aloud by Miskowiak. No changes were suggested.

Review purpose statement

Miskowiak asked the committee to reconsider its purpose statement as discussed at the close of the May 14 meeting. The question was whether the project should focus on protection of agricultural lands only, or to add forest lands? The committee suggested the possibility of distinguishing between types of forest, including highlands/lowlands and wetlands/floodplains. The purpose was amended through unanimous consent to the following:

Designate specific areas within the county appropriate for agricultural, [non-irrigated cropland and woodland purposes \(excluding areas in floodplains and wetlands\)](#), mindful of environmental sensitivity

Confirm selection of characteristics of priority working lands and score each set of characteristics

Doug introduced a 9-page handout that included the selected seven characteristics. The committee agreed these were still the appropriate characteristics to consider. Doug then led the committee through a discussion of each characteristic so that ratings could be assigned to attributes of those characteristics. A copy of that 9-page document incorporating the committee's input is included as part of the meeting notes.

Next meeting

The August meeting is cancelled so Doug can work on data gathering and development of an interactive tool that will have the capability of being modified during the upcoming meeting. The next meeting will be held from 4:30 to 7:00 pm on September 10. The meeting topics will be groundtruthing and calibrating the Calumet County LESA model.