



## MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014, 7:15 P.M.  
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
440 N US HWY 14  
JANESVILLE WI**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 7:20 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Richard Bostwick, Tom Brien, Wes Davis, Jason Dowd, Dave Rebout, Rick Richard, Alan Sweeney and Larry Wiedenfeld.

**Committee Members Excused:** None

**Staff Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD; Andrew Baker, LCD; and Dave Terrell, USDA-Wildlife Services

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Rebout moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – September 3, 2014 and September 11, 2014:** Supervisor Dowd moved to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2014 and September 11, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meetings, seconded by Supervisor Richards. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** A short discussion took place regarding the Enbridge Pipeline 61 proposal to increase flow rates and the need to update the environmental impact report. It was decided to have a special LCC meeting on October 15, 2014 to discuss this issue. Representatives from Enbridge will be invited as will Bruce Noble from the Grassroots Pipeline Awareness Group to discuss the proposal. Chair Bostwick noted that Supervisor Richard will be leaving the LCC as he has been appointed to the Blackhawk Technical College District Board.
5. **Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program:**
  - a. **Set and Approve Crop prices for 2014 Claims** - Dave Terrell from USDA- Wildlife Services presented the USDA Calculated average prices for crops in Wisconsin. A short discussion took place and Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the following crop prices as they relate to claims: Corn \$4.15 per bushel and Soybeans \$11.93 bushel. Supervisor Rebout seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**
  - b. Approve 2015 DNR/USDA/County Budget proposal for the WDACP. Dave Terrell from USDA- Wildlife Services presented the proposed DNR/USDA/County Budget for 2015. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the budget as presented seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**

7. **Land and Water Resource Management Program - Approval of Cost Share Agreements:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the cost share agreements for Brian Roberts, Well Decommissioning; Alvin and Jacquelyn Trawicki, Sinkhole Abandonment; Michelle Calkins, Waterway System, and Michael Krumwiede, Waterway System. Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to approve the agreements for Roberts, Trawicki, Calkins, and Krumwiede, seconded by Supervisor Dowd. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – Approval of Agreements:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the CREP agreements for Matthew Reilly, Barb Bollerud, Bill Krumwiede, Sayre Farms LLC, Ed Marshall, Lyle Yaun, and George Bros Farm LLC. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the CREP agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Dowd. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Resolution - Amending the 2014 Land Conservation Department Budget to Offset Costs Associated with the Clean Sweep Program:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the resolution. Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Farmland Preservation Program – Discussion regarding the recent Supreme Court decision in Hegwood v. Town of Eagle Board of Appeals, which addresses the relationship between Town Zoning authority and County Shoreland Zoning.** Tom Sweeney discussed the potential impacts to the farmland preservation program participation as it relates to this ruling. Also discussed were potential fixes that will be temporary in nature.
11. **Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation – Approval of the Land Conservation Committee Policy Relating to Exemptions Detailed in the Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation Ordinance:** Andrew Baker presented the updated policy for consideration. Baker noted that the Corporation Counsel has reviewed the policy and approved same. Supervisor Richard stated that this action satisfied his request for review. Supervisor Dowd moved to approve the policy as presented, seconded by Supervisor Brien. **Motion Carried.**
12. **Review Submitted Budget Proposal for 2015:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the proposed budget for 2015 noting an increase in the requested levy.
13. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to adjourn the October 1, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:37 pm, seconded by Supervisor Brien. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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