



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 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 7:27 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Tom Brien, Wes Davis, Jason Dowd, Alan Sweeney, Larry Wiedenfeld

Committee Members Absent: Dave Rebout and Rick Richard

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Andrew Baker, LCD; Norm Tadt, LCD and Anne Miller, LCD.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Davis motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Dowd. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – May 7, 2014:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Chair Bostwick. Tom Sweeney provided answers to questions regarding the bills. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Staff Introductions and Program Review:** Chair Bostwick asked each staff member present introduce themselves and provide program information. Each of the four staff members introduced themselves to the committee and provided an informal background and the programs they are involved with. A powerpoint presentation describing all the different programs the LCC/LCD oversees and other workloads was delivered by Tom Sweeney. Tom Sweeney stated that this is a general overview of the different types of work the LCD is involved in and the Committee will see real world examples provided during the LCC Conservation tour.
7. **Soil and Water Resource Management Program – Approval of Cost Share Agreements:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the cost share agreements as present, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Tom Sweeney reviewed the cost share agreements for Arndt Farms, Inc and Greg Vanthournout for the construction of Grassed Waterways. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Resolution: Amending Various Sections of The Rock County Animal Waste Management Ordinance (Chapter 4, Part 9).** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Brien. Tom Sweeney reviewed the executive summary noting that the changes in animal waste management and the changes to best management practice specifications required the changes. Tom Sweeney also noted that the ordinance was adopted in 2001 and hasn't been changed since. Future changes will be more frequent. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Resolution: Amending 2014 Land Conservation Department Budget to Offset Costs Associated with County Campus Site Restoration.** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Dowd. Tom Sweeney stated that spending authority was needed to pay for prairie seed on an abandoned agriculture field, that was part of the County Farm. The field is located across County F from the entrance of the New Rock Haven Facility. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program – Update:** Andrew Baker updated the committee on the Plankey application noting that Mr. Plankey signed the option to purchase. Baker also updated the Committee regarding applications that haven't been finalized.
11. **Annual Committee Conservation Practice Tour – Set Date and Time.** The Committee set the date of the annual conservation tour for Friday June 27, 2014 with a start time of 9:00 am.
12. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Brien motioned to adjourn the June 4, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:55 pm, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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