



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013, 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 7:18 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Edwin Nash, Norvain Pleasant, Alan Sweeney, James Quade, and Fred Yoss.

Committee Members Absent: Eva Arnold

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Craig Knutson, County Administration

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – October 30, 2013:** Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2013 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Pleasant. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Bills/ Transfers/ Pre-approved Encumbrances:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. Supervisor Nash requested information on the tree purchase. Tom Sweeney discussed the LCD tree sale program. No further questions were asked. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Approval of Cooperative Agreement for the Administration of the Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program.** Supervisor Yoss motioned to approve the agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Pleasant. Tom Sweeney explained the impacts of the agreement and noted all parties to said agreement. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Land and Water Resource Management – Approval of Cost Share Agreements.** Tom Sweeney distributed a spreadsheet regarding the agreements needing approval. Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the contracts as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. Tom Sweeney reviewed the cost share agreements for Roger Wickingson, Well Abandonment; Frank Probst, Waterway System; John Peterson; Waterway System and Gary Hahn, Waterway System. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Farmland Preservation Program – Notices of Non-Compliance;** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the Notices of Non-Compliance as presented, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. Tom Sweeney reviewed the notices for Douglas Goodger, Goodger Farms, and Joy Hookstead and stated each notice was a voluntary withdraw from the program. **Motion Carried.**

9. **Resolution - Approval of Conveyance Agreement and Escrow Instructions for the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program.** Supervisor Yoss motioned to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Pleasant. Supervisor Sweeney stated he would abstain from the vote and left the room. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney noted activities the department has been involved in since the last Land Conservation Committee Meeting.
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION Per Section 19.85(1)(c) - Performance Evaluation of County Conservationist:** A roll call vote was taken Supervisor Yoss, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Wiedenfeld, Supervisor Nash, Supervisor Quade, Supervisor Pleasant, and Chair Bostwick all voted Aye and entered into Executive Session at 8:10 pm. Roll Call was conducted with all Supervisors present voting Aye to exit the Executive Session at 8:22 pm.
12. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Quade motioned to adjourn the December 4, 2013 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:25 pm, seconded by Supervisor Pleasant. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist
Minutes are not official until adopted by the Land Conservation Committee.

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