



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2010, 7:15 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT - CONFERENCE ROOM
USDA SERVICE CENTER
440 N US HWY 14, JANESVILLE WI

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 7:15 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Eva Arnold, Ron Combs, Dave Innis, Alan Sweeney, Katie Kuznacic and James Quade.

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Wade Thompson, Planning and Development; Carrie Houston, Planning and Development, and Bill Barlass, Pace Ad Hoc Committee Member.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Bostwick moved agenda item #10 to after #5, struck item #6 and # 8A. Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the minutes of the July 7 and July 15, 2010 Land Conservation Committee meetings, seconded by Supervisor Innis. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Bills, Transfers, and Pre-Approved Encumbrance:** Chair Bostwick stated the bills and Pre Approved Encumbrance would be handled separately. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.** Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the Pre-Approved Encumbrance seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements –Discussion.** Wade Thompson and Carrie Houston made a presentation to the LCC on the status of the PACE program's development. Carrie Houston focused on the Program Application Materials and Wade Thompson focused on the program update. After the presentation by Houston and Thompson, the LCC discussed the Pace Program and the future products that need to be completed.
7. **Approval of Contribution Agreement between Rock County LCD and USDA-NRCS.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the components of the agreement. After a short discussion, Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the Contribution Agreement between Rock County LCD and USDA-NRCS as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Land and Water Resource Management Program; Approval of 2010 SWRM Grant Staff and Support Reimbursement Request.** Tom Sweeney stated the reimbursement request that will be forwarded to DATCP for processing represents the entire grant amount. Supervisor Sweeney asked if DATCP would process this request, as the normal process splits the request into two parts, spring and winter. After a short discussion, Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the LWRM Resource Management Program 2010 SWRM Grant Staff and Support Reimbursement request as presented, seconded by Supervisor Innis. **Motion Carried.**

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9. **Review 2011 Department Budget and Set 2011 Fees.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the LCD's 2011 Budget request submitted to County Administration. Tom Sweeney stated the information presented would be discussed with administration in the near future. Highlights of the budget request include impacts to the LCC as a direct result of changes to the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program. As part of the discussion, Tom reviewed the proposed changes to the LCC fee schedule for 2011. The only change recommended by staff includes changes to the administrative fee that is charged to the landowners participating in the program. Tom noted that if the changes to the budget request are not approved by administration, he will return with an amendment to the fee schedule to reflect the changes. After a short discussion, Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the proposed fee schedule for 2011 budget year, seconded by Supervisor Kuznacic. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the highlights of the department activities since the last LCC meeting. Tom noted that Rock County was offered the opportunity for the Wisconsin Youth Conservation Corps to return for a reduced rate. 3.1 acres out of the 5.2 acres has been cleared of invasives. Also, spruce trees and black walnuts seedlings need to be reduced in number in the area. Tom will discuss the issue with administration and commence with securing this opportunity. Tom noted he requested WIS Corps try to secure a job that would pay them the full rate if that couldn't be secured Rock County is interested.
11. **Adjournment:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to adjourn the July 7, 2010 meeting of the Land Conservation Committee at 9:28 p.m. seconded by Supervisor Kuznacic. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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