



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7, 2009, 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, Katie Kuznacic, James Quade, Robert Fizzell, Ronald Combs, and Alan Sweeney.

Committee Members Excused: Eva Arnold

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Mary Mawhinney, County Board Supervisor
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Fizzell motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2008:** Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Supervisor Fizzell. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None
5. **Bills and Transfers:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Land and Water Resource Management Program:**
 - A) **Update Status:** Tom Sweeney informed the committee on the status of the Land and Water Resource Management Plan. An agency committee was formed to provide input on the update. This committee has met twice and will reconvene once the results of the citizen survey have been completed. The final draft document must be forwarded to DATCP in April 2009 to start the political approval process. It is the intention of the department to have copies of the chapters, deemed complete, available for the committee at the next LCC meeting.
 - B) **Citizen Survey:** As noted earlier, the LCD has sent out surveys to rural landowners. The survey centers on the main natural resource issues identified by the Agency workgroup. The survey asks for a ranking of these issues in regards to importance. A copy of the survey was handed out to each committee member.
7. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program - Approval of Agreement for Kenneth Demrow:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried**
8. **Purchase of Development Rights:**
 - A) **Discussion:** Supervisor Sweeney informed the committee about the February 4, 2009 informational meeting regarding Purchase of Development Rights programming. Tom Sweeney distributed copies of the program agenda and flyer. Tom Sweeney distributed a copy of the memorandum addresses to Chair Bostwick regarding three projects that warrant funding under the American Transmission

Corporation Environmental Impact Fees segregated funds. The PDR funding proposal identified staff commitment for a two-year period. The committee supports increasing this funding to a three-year commitment to insure adequate time is allowed to develop and implement an information and education program. The remainder of the projects, changing the Clean sweep program from a temporary collection to a continuous collection and the county property restoration project, were discussed and agreed the funding request identified is warranted.

- B) **Action to migrate program to Planning and Development Agency:** Supervisor Combs began discussion regarding the potential migration of the PDR program from the LCD to the Planning and Development Agency. Supervisor Combs stated that he believes the program fits the operation of the LCD. A short discussion amongst the committee occurred in regards to the merit of keeping this program in the LCD. Supervisor Combs motioned to keep the PDR program in the LCD, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motioned Carried.**

9. **Department and Staff Update:** Tom Sweeney reported on staff and department activities since the last LCC meeting.
10. **Adjournment:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:12, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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