



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY; JUNE 1, 2011; 7:15 PM.
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 7:18 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Eva Arnold, Ronald Combs, David Innis, James Quade, Alan Sweeney and Fred Yoss.

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Wade Thompson, LCD.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – May 4, 2011:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Bills / Transfers:** Supervisor Yoss motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Farmland Preservation Program – Cancellation of Notice of Non-Participation for Roger and Georgan Hunt.** Tom Sweeney explained the situation regarding the Hunt's request. The Hunt's requested a Notice of Non-Participation in January 2011 for their operation. After the Wisconsin DOR denied their FPP claim for 2010 tax year, Mrs. Hunt requested the Notice be cancelled. This request is for the cancellation. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the notice as presented, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Request for Erosion Control and Storm Water Permit Extension – Denmax LLC for Storage Unit Project.** Tom Sweeney distributed a staff paper describing the request for the extension. Andrew Baker recommends the request for the six-month extension be granted, with a new completion date established as November 13, 2011. Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the request as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Supervisor Combs wished to abstain from the vote. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Resolution – Amending the Land Conservation Department Budget To Offset Costs Associated With The Clean Sweep Program.** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the resolution as written, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. Supervisor Sweeney inquired on the average cost of the program. Tom Sweeney stated the daily cost has dropped. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program**
 - a. **Release of 15-year agreement with Joseph and Paula Perkins Revocable Trust.** Chair Bostwick asked for an explanation regarding this request. Tom Sweeney stated if the release is granted by the LCC, the land must be immediately enrolled in the USDA-Wetland Reserve Program. Also, this issue is two fold, the release from the agreement and the issue of a repayment penalty.

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DATCP splits the payment with the county, or the county has the option to waive their portion of the repayment penalty. Tom Sweeney reminded the LCC that they have waived this component for past requests. Also, the LCD charges for services up front for this program. After a short discussion Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the release as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.** Supervisor Combs motioned to waive the repayment fee, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**

- b. **Approval of 15-year agreement with TGA Land Company, LLC.** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the agreement for TGA Land Company as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**

- 10. **PACE Program Update:** Wade Thompson distributed three documents and discussed each. The first related to workshops for target acquisition areas that will occur this spring. The second was a work plan for the program, and final a proposed easement acquisition plan.

- 11. **LCC Spring Tour – Set RAIN Date, Review Itinerary.** The LCC moved the tour date to June 17, 2011, rain or shine, as very few LCC members would be available for the tour on June 14, 2011.

- 12. **Southern Area Land and Water Conservation Association – Summer Tour Itinerary.** Tom Sweeney discussed the tour itinerary. A hard copy will be provided to the LCC on the June 17th Spring Tour.

- 13. **Department Update** – Tom Sweeney reviewed the activities in the department since the last LCC Meeting.

- 14. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to adjourn the June 1, 2011 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:16 pm, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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