



MINUTES

ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:48 pm.

Committee Members Present: Stephanie Aegerter, Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, James Quade, Alan Sweeney and Jeremy Zajac

Committee Members Excused: None

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Anne Miller, LCD; David Terrell, USDA-WS
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Aegerter moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – October 2, 2019:** Supervisor Davis moved the minutes from the October 2, 2019 LCC meeting, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Supervisor Davis noted the upcoming conference sponsored by Discovery Farms. The meeting will be conducted at the Glacial Canyon Conference Center in the Wisconsin Dells on December 11, 2019.
5. **Review Bills Paid:** The committee reviewed the bills paid.
6. **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program:**
 - a. **Approve 2020 WDACP Budget Request** – Dave Terrell, USDA-WS contracted for field services, distributed and described the USDA-DNR-County Budget Request for the WDACP for 2020. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the request as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
 - b. **Set and Approve Crop Prices for Damage Claims** – Dave Terrell, USDA-WS distributed the statewide average prices for all crops covered by the WDACP. Dave Terrell noted the only crops applicable to Rock County are Alfalfa, corn and soybeans. Supervisor Sweeney moved to set the Rock County crop prices as follows: Alfalfa @ \$234.27/ton; Corn @ \$3.60/bushel; and Soybeans @ \$8.50/bu. Supervisor Davis seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Resolution: Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project.** Tom Sweeney noted the resolution authorizes payment for Best Management Practice implementation. Supervisor Zajac moved the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Land and Water Resource Management Program;**
 - a. **Review comments received at Public Hearing.** No verbal comments were received at the public hearing.
 - b. **Approve advancing the Plan to State Land and Water Conservation Board for action.** Supervisor Davis moved to approve advancing the LWRM Plan to the State Land and Water Resource Management Board, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**

- c. **Review and Approve Cost Share Agreements.** Tom Sweeney distributed an updated spreadsheet for cost share agreements needing approval. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the cost share agreements presented for approval, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**

9. **Resolution: Approval to Begin Acquisition Process for Selected 2019 PACE Program Applications (Federally Funded).** Tom Sweeney stated this resolution will allow the LCD to commence activities to submit an application for the following PACE Applicants: William and Marion Barlass and Gary Vanthournout. Supervisor Sweeney moved the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**

10. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – Review and Approve CREP Contracts:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the pending contracts needing approval. Supervisor Quade moved to approve the CREP Agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**

11. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement - Update:** Tom Sweeney provided the committee with an update of all PACE activities. Noting the Barlass appraisal has been ordered which should allow us to close in early 2020.

12. **Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup – Update:** Tom Sweeney updated the committee on the November 11, 2019 meeting. Also interviews for the project position will be held on November 26, 2019. The next meeting has been scheduled for January 9, 2019 to commence at 8:00 am. And the location will be the Harmony Town Hall, located in the Rock County Agricultural Service Center.

13. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Driscoll moved to adjourn the November 12, 2019 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:17 pm, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

Minutes are not official until adopted by the Land Conservation Committee.

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