



## MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3, 2018, 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 7:03 pm.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Stephanie Aegerter, Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Robert Potter, James Quade, Alan Sweeney, and Jeremy Zajac.  
  
**Committee Members Excused:** Brenton Driscoll  
  
**Others Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD; Dave Terrell, USDA-APHIS-WS, Tom Brien, County Board Member.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Bostwick asked if any changes were needed to the agenda. Tom Sweeney requested that agenda item #6 be moved to after agenda #8. Supervisor Driscoll moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – September 5, 2018:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meetings as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Tom Sweeney informed the Committee that a Stop Work Order was issued to the Town of Union for the construction of their new town hall due to the terms of the permit not being met. Tom Sweeney also informed the Committee that Reps Sprietzer and Kolste set a meeting to discuss the County resolution to call for changes to the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP). The meeting was set for October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Sweeney continued by stating the Wisconsin Counties Association passed the FPP resolution at their annual business meeting.
5. **Review Bills Paid:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the bills paid.
6. **Moved to after Agenda Item # 8**
7. **Resolution: Amending the 2018 Land Conservation Department Budget to Offset Cost Associated with the Clean Sweep Program.** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Review and approve WLWCA Resolutions:** Tom Sweeney stated that the two resolutions were rewritten to meet the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) resolution format. If they are approved tonight, they will be forwarded to the Southern Area Association of WLWCA for consideration. If approved at the Southern Area Meeting, they will be forwarded to WLWCA to be included in the resolution packet at the WLWCA Annual Business Meeting.
  - A. **In Support of Reforming Wisconsin Eminent Domain Laws.** Supervisor Zajac moved the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
  - B. **Recommend Changes to the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program.** Supervisor Potter moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**

6. **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program.**
  - A. **Review and Approve 2019 WDACP Budget Proposal.** Dave Terrell, from USDA-APHIS-WS presented the 2019 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims program proposed budget. Terrell noted the budget being proposed includes an increase from \$7,527 to \$10,000 which is a reflection on the deer population trend for Rock County. Supervisor Quade moved to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
  - B. **Set 2018 Crop Price for Damage Claims.** Dave Terrell introduced the proposed crop prices for any claims of damage done by wildlife. Supervisor Sweeney moved to accept the prices as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
  
9. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – Approve 15 Year Agreement(s).**

Tom Sweeney distributed a spreadsheet to the committee and reviewed the Conservation Reserve Enhancement program agreements. Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Potter. **Motion Carried.**
  
10. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program - Review and Approve 2018 PACE applications:**
  - A. **New Applications:** Tom Sweeney introduced the committee with a power point presentation on the PACE applications. Tom Sweeney reviewed each parcel that was included in the applications. Also Tom Sweeney reviewed the recommendations from the PACE Council.
    - i. **Barlass: Harmony Township, 379 Acres, 6 parcels, Primary Target.** Tom Sweeney stated the three parcels out of the six parcels were recommended by the PACE Council to be approved.
    - ii. **O’Leary Trust: Rock Township, 120 Acres, 2 parcels, Primary Target.** Tom Sweeney stated that no (0) parcels were recommended by the PACE Council for approval. These parcels ranked lower than the top three parcels in the Barlass application.
  - B. **Reactivated Applications:**
    - i. **Myhre: Porter Township, 60 Acres, 1 parcel, Eligible.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the Myhre application, noting the PACE Council did not recommend this application for funding. This parcel is the lowest ranked parcel.

Supervisor Quade moved to accept and follow the PACE Council recommendations to approve three of the six Barlass parcels and submit applications to USDA-NRCS for funding consideration, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
  
11. **Groundwater Nitrate Pilot Project - Update.** Tom Sweeney stated since the last LCC meeting he has been providing information for the lease and bid proposal documents for the County Farm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 15, 2018.
  
12. **Set November 2018 meeting date and time.** The next meeting date was set for Tuesday November 6, 2018. All other information will remain in place.
  
13. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Zajac moved to adjourn the October 3, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:11 pm, seconded by Chair Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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