



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY MAY 2, 2018, 7:15 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 7:19 pm.

Committee Members Present: Stephanie Aegerter, Rich Bostwick, Brenton Driscoll, James Quade, Danette Rynes, Alan Sweeney, and Jeremy Zajac.

Committee Members Excused: Wes Davis

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Tom Brien, County Board Member.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Bostwick asked if any changes were needed to the agenda. Supervisor Driscoll moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – April 4, 2018:** Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Chair Bostwick introduced the new LCC member Danette Rynes. Supervisor Rynes gave a five minute introduction on her background. Supervisor Aegerter stated the first Janesville Farmers Market will be held this Saturday.
5. **Review Bills Paid.** Bills Paid were presented to the committee.
6. **Elect Vice Chair.** Chair Bostwick asked for nominations from the floor for the Land Conservation Committee vice Chair. Supervisor Quade nominated Supervisor Alan Sweeney, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. Chair Bostwick called for further nominations from the floor twice, hearing none. Chair Bostwick asked Supervisor Sweeney if he would act as Vice Chair. Supervisor Sweeney stated he would. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Set Time and Date of Meeting.** Chair Bostwick stated he would like to move the start time of the Land Conservation Committee to 7:00 pm, also he would like to keep the first Wednesday of the month as the meeting day. Supervisor Sweeney moved the recommendations as presented, seconded by Chair Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – Approve 15 year Agreements.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the three Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program 15 year agreements that need to be approved for Bjoin Realty LLC, Jonathon Bjoin, and Arnold Farms, LLC. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Land and Water Resource Management Program - Approve Cost Share Agreements.** Tom Sweeney presented the following cost share agreements which need approval: Leonel & Cecilia Salcido, Dan Fenrich, Ruth Inman Trust, Reilly Farms LLC, James & Eunice Veldhoff Trust, Lloyd Edge/Robert McConnell, Hahn Family Rev. Trust, Jerome Epping, Knutson Rev.

9. con't. Trust, and Evan Sayre. Supervisor Quade moved to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Chair Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Review First Quarter Financials.** Tom Sweeney provided a review of the first quarter Land Conservation Department financials.
11. **Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Program – Approve 6 Month Extension Request for:**
- A. **Permit ECSW-2017-7, Phase 1 of County MM Reconstruction.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the request for this extension. The new expiration date for this permit is November 24, 2018. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the extension request as submitted, seconded by Supervisor Rynes. **Motion Carried.**
 - B. **Permit ECSW-2017-5, Phase 2 of County MM Reconstruction.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the request for this extension. The new expiration date for this permit is November 10, 2018. Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the extension request as submitted, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
12. **Groundwater Nitrate Pilot Program:**
- A. **Approve Contractor for Observation Well Installation.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the Observation Well installation bid summary form provided by the Purchasing Division of the Finance Department. Tom Sweeney stated that Soils and Engineering from Madison WI was the lowest bid for the proposed wells and he recommends this option. Supervisor Zajac moved that the committee select Soils and Engineering for the contract to install the Observation Wells, seconded by Supervisor Rynes. **Motion Carried.**
 - B. **Approve Purchase of Additional Equipment for Monitoring Well Water Retrieval.** Tom Sweeney stated he was contacted by Rick Wietersen, Public Health Department with a list of equipment to retrieve water samples from the observation wells. The list was provided to the committee. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the purchase of the needed equipment as identified on the list, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
13. Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program:
- A. **Approval of Real Estate Appraisal Services Contracts for the Morgan Property and Hargarten Property.** Tom Sweeney presented the two appraisal contracts. Supervisor Quade moved to approve the contracts as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
 - B. **Update.** Tom Sweeney updated the committee on activities since the last committee meeting.
14. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Quade moved to adjourn the May 2, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Chair Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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