



## MINUTES

ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015, 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 of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 7:16 p.m.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Richard Bostwick, Tom Brien, Wes Davis, Jason Dowd, Dave Rebout, Alan Sweeney, Larry Wiedenfeld, and Jeremy Zajac.  
  
**Staff Present:** Tom Sweeney & Andrew Baker  
  
**Others Present:** Alvin Francis, Gary Kraus, John Morton, and Larry Oberdeck
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Bostwick asked if any adjustments to the agenda are needed to accommodate the guests. At this time Tom Sweeney requested agenda item 11 be moved to after agenda item 6. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the agenda with adjustment, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – January 7, 2014:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Resolution: Authorizing Option to Purchase Agreements for the Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) Program.** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Andrew Baker opened the discussion with a review of the PACE Policy regarding Easement Acquisition and Appraised Fair Market Value as it relates to the potential purchase price for the four options to purchase identified in the resolution. Baker also noted that a third party appraiser will review the appraisals after the USDA accepts the easement applications. Supervisor Davis asked if the percent of purchase price will be applied to all the application or will each application have a separate purchase price percentage assigned. Baker noted that all applications are in priority areas, therefore should be assigned the same value. Supervisor Sweeney moved that 75% be assigned to each of the four applications, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.** Chair Bostwick noted the original motion remained on the floor for the resolution approval. **Motion Carried.**
11. **Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) – Program Update.** Andrew Baker and Tom Sweeney provided an update on the activities of the PACE program.

7. **Farmland Preservation Program – Approval of Cancellation of Notice of Non Compliance for Bess Ann Wenham.** Supervisor Zajac motioned to approve the cancellation notice, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Land and Water Resource Management – Approval of Cost Share Agreements.** Tom Sweeney introduced an agreement for Andrew and Teresa Baker to abandon a well. The maximum cost share is set at \$500.00 for this agreement. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Rebut. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Report on Semi Annual Report for Attendance at Conventions and Conferences.** Tom Sweeney noted a copy of the memorandum was included in the agenda packet. The memo noted that no staff attended any out of state conference or an instate conference for greater than one thousand dollars.
10. **Approval for attendance at the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association Annual Conference.** Supervisor Wiedenfeld recommended Supervisor Davis to represent the Rock County Land Conservation Committee at the WLWCA Annual Conference in Appleton WI. Supervisor Davis accepted the recommendation. Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved Supervisor Davis' attendance at WLWCA Annual Conference, seconded by Supervisor Brien. Motion Carried.
11. Agenda Item 11 moved to after agenda item 6.
12. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Rebut moved to adjourn the February 4, 2015 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Supervisor Dowd. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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