



## MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 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 7:03 pm.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Stephanie Aegerter, Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Brenton Driscoll, Robert Potter, James Quade, Alan Sweeney, and Jeremy Zajac.  
  
**Committee Members Excused:** None  
  
**Others Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD; David Terrell USDA-APHIS-WS.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Bostwick noted a change to the agenda. Please move agenda item 6 to after agenda item 3. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as modified, seconded by Supervisor Potter. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – January 2, 2019:** Chair Bostwick noted the minutes needed a correction January 2, 2019 not 2018. Supervisor Driscoll moved the minutes from the January 2, 2019 LCC meeting, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Wildlife Damage and Claims Program – Approve 2018 Wildlife Damage Claims.** Dave Terrell, USDA APHIS-Wildlife Services presented the claims for the 2018 program. Four (4) Claims were presented for approval. Terrell noted the claims are paid directly from DNR. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Chair Bostwick noted he is working with Administration and landowners in the courthouse district regarding placement of an easement on the upper courthouse park with the Land Trust Network. Supervisor Davis noted Black History Month celebration at the Job Center on February 7. Chair Bostwick noted an educational breakfast fundraiser will occur in March. He will have tickets available at the next LCC meeting.
5. **Review Bills Paid:** The committee reviewed the bills paid.
7. **Clean Sweep Program – Approval of Contract with DATCP.** Tom Sweeney described the grant contract and amounts with the committee. Supervisor Aegerter moved to approve the contract as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Farmland Preservation Program – Notices of Non-Compliance:** Tom Sweeney stated the landowner who will receive a notice of non-compliance are on the spreadsheet in the agenda packet. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the seven Notice of Non-Compliances for as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Land and Water Resource Management Program – Approve Cost Share Agreements.** Tom Sweeney stated the cost share agreements being considered are itemized on the spreadsheet in the agenda packet. Supervisor Quade moved to approve the cost share agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**

10. **Resolution: Finalizing Purchase of the Lawrence and Sharon Hargarten Agricultural Conservation Easement.** Tom Sweeney noted that this easement is nearing the final stages of completion. This is the last official step until closing. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
11. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements – Update:** Work on the O'Leary Donation and the USDA Applications for the Barlass proposal are continuing. Should be ready to sign contract for appraisal on the O'Leary Easement, and finalizing the application packet for the Barlass project. Still no deadline on the USDA applications or available funding for 2019. Tom Sweeney stated the County should be receiving ATC environmental impact fee in middle of March.
12. **Groundwater Nitrate Pilot Project.** Tom Sweeney provided an update on activities of the Nitrate workgroup. Rick Wietersen, Public Health and I will be presenting and update to County Board on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.
13. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Zajac moved to adjourn the January 2, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 7:54 pm, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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