



## MINUTES

ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 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 7:20 pm.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Rich Bostwick, Stephanie Aegerter, Wes Davis, Brenton Driscoll, Kara Hawes, James Quade, Alan Sweeney and Jeremy Zajac.  
  
**Committee Members Excused:** None.  
  
**Others Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD; Chris Murphy, LCD and Dave Terrell, USDA-WS.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Bostwick asked if any changes were needed to the agenda. Tom Sweeney asked that agenda item # 10 be moved up the agenda to immediately after item # 5. Also, Tom Sweeney requested that item # 7 be deleted. Supervisor Hawes moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – January 3, 2018:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Tom Sweeney reminded the committee that WLWCA conference registrations are due in the near future. Please forward them to Tom A.S.A.P. Supervisor Davis spoke of a resolution regarding eminent domain that is being forwarded by the Public Works Committee.
5. **Review Bills Paid.** Bills Paid were presented to the committee.
10. **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Approval of Damage Claims.** Chair Bostwick introduced Dave Terrell, from the USDA-WS. Mr. Terrell stated two landowners in Rock County sustained enough damage to their crops to be eligible for a claim under the Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program. Both damage claims were from goose damage to corn. The first claim introduced by Mr. Terrell was for Jim Hanlon, a landowner in Milton Township. Damage occurred to a measured 2.75 acres which equates to \$1,275.00 of damage. Mr. Terrell reminded the committee that the first \$500 of damage is considered the deductible. Therefore the Jim Hanlon claim equals \$775.00. The second claim for crop damage was for Marjorie Hanlon, a Milton Township landowner. Damage occurred to a measured 3.75 acres which equates to \$1,471.93 of damage. Mr. Terrell reminded the committee that the first \$500 of damage is considered the deductible. Therefore the Marjorie Hanlon claim equals \$971.93. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the two damage claims as presented by Mr. Terrell, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**

6. **Review Finances for the Fourth Quarter of 2017:** Tom Sweeney distributed the department's 2017 final quarter estimates. Tom Sweeney reviewed each account's notes at the bottom of the corresponding pages. Sweeney continued stating that minor changes may occur to an account, but most of the information contained in the reports are true and accurate.
7. **Land and Water Resource Management Program – Approve cost share agreements. Agenda Item Deleted for lack of Business.**
8. **Farmland Preservation Program – Notice of Non-Compliance for Burkheimer Family Trust and Gloria Oestreich.** Tom Sweeney presented two notices of non-compliance for the Farmland Preservation Program. Sweeney continued stating that a member of the Burkheimer Family Trust requested to be put back in compliance. The controlling member brought the appropriate information back to the LCD office this afternoon. Due to such a short notice, staff could not suspend the notice. A notice of cancellation for the non-compliance will be brought to the committee for consideration in March. Supervisor Quade moved to approve the two notices of non-compliance as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Extension of Erosion Control Permit # ECSW-2016-020 from March 10, 2018 until September 10, 2018.** Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the extension of Erosion Control Permit # ECSW-2016-020 until September 10, 2018, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. At this time Chris Murphy explained his findings regarding the permit extension request and recommended the extension be granted. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Agenda Item Moved to after item #5.**
11. **Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup Update:** Tom Sweeney provided the committee with an update as to the status of the Workgroup. Tom Sweeney also informed the LCC of the next scheduled meeting set for February 19, 2018.
12. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program Update:** Tom Sweeney updated the committee on activities since the last committee meeting. Tom Sweeney highlighted the Lux/Pulera and the McNall Living Trust easements were closed. Also, the USDA-NRCS has offered to fully fund the Hargarten PACE Application.
13. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Quade moved to adjourn the February 7, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:16 pm, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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