



## MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2017, 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 7:15 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Anders Dowd, Brenton Driscoll, Kara Hawes, James Quade, Alan Sweeney, and Jeremy Zajac.

**Committee Members Absent:** Anders Dowd

**Staff Present:** Tom Sweeney

**Others Present:** David Terrell USDA-APHIS, Tom Brien

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – January 4, 2017:** Supervisor Driscoll moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Chair Bostwick introduced James Quade as the new LCC member whom is replacing David Rebut. Mr. Quade said a few words about his previous tenure on the committee.
5. **Review of Bills paid.** Bills Paid were presented.
6. **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Approval of Damage Claims for Jim Hanlon and Margie Hanlon.** David Terrell, provided a brief program review as it relates to Wildlife Damage Claims. Mr. Terrell referenced the Damage Claims for the Hanlon's was due to Geese in Soybeans. Jim Hanlon's damage claim equaled \$387.08 and Marjorie Hanlon's claim was for \$2,017.85. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Groundwater Quality – Next Step(s):** Tom Sweeney stated that the vision group membership has been set and a query for dates and times available will be sent later this week. This group will be comprised of County Board Members; Richard Bostwick, Alan Sweeney, Wes Davis, Sandra Kraft, and Rick Richard. Staff Members; Colin Byrnes, Nick Baker, Rick Wieterson, Chris Murphy and Tom Sweeney, and two at large citizens; David Rebut and Pat Mullooly. The first meeting of the Workgroup will be held in the first week of March, 2017. Also, staff from Planning and Development Agency, UWEX, Public Health, and Land Conservation met on January 25, 2017 to discuss the project at hand.

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8. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program Update.** Tom Sweeney stated he has not received any information from the State USDA-NRCS office regarding the application submitted for the ALE funding.

Tom Sweeney noted that all closing functions for the three easements approved by County Board will commence in early February with closings anticipated in May or June of 2017.

9. **Authorization to attend the 2017 Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association Conference March 15 – March 17, 2017.** Tom Sweeney stated that WES Davis is registered. Chair Bostwick stated he would like to attend on March 16, 2017. Tom Sweeney stated he will make arrangements for Chair Bostwick and staff to attend March 16<sup>th</sup>. Tom Sweeney stated that Staff member Chris Murphy will be attending the full conference along with Supervisor Davis..
10. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Zajac moved to adjourn the February 1, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:16 pm, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

**Minutes are not official until adopted by the Land Conservation Committee.**

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