



## MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MONDAY OCTOBER 22, 2018, 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 7:10 pm.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, James Quade, Alan Sweeney, and Jeremy Zajac.  
  
**Committee Members Excused:** Stephanie Aegerter, Brenton Driscoll, and Robert Potter  
  
**Others Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD; Jeremy Ostler, Beloit Memorial High School Student.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Bostwick asked if any changes were needed to the agenda. No requests heard. Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Tom Sweeney updated the committee on the Reps' Sprietzer and Kolste meeting regarding the Farmland Preservation Resolution. Representative Sprietzer contacted the Legislative Fiscal Bureau and a report was generated. Tom Sweeney distributed copies of said report. Tom Sweeney reviewed the report. This report supports the issue regarding the tax credit portion of the resolution. Chair Bostwick and Supervisor Davis were in attendance.
4. **Review of Recommended Budget – Develop/Approve Recommendations for Finance Committee Consideration.** Tom Sweeney stated that the only issue with the proposed budget was the request for \$50,000 to assist with funding the Land and Water Resource Management Program cost share program. Tom Sweeney stated the recommendation in the budget by the County Administrator left an opening for a budget amendment if the cost share falls short. Norm Tadt, Senior Conservation Specialist has been instructed to maintain a comprehensive inventory of issues. A list will be developed and reviewed at the April 2019 LCC Meeting. Supervisor Sweeney moved to allow time for staff to collect appropriate information regarding a budget amendment request which should be targeted for the April 2019 LCC Meeting, Supervisor Davis seconded. **Motion Carried.**
5. **Resolution: Approval to Begin Acquisition Process for Selected 2018 Pace Program Applications (Federally Funded).** Supervisor Quade moved to approve the resolution as provided, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program - Review and Approve 2018 PACE applications:**
  - A. **Donation Application for O'Leary Trust: Rock Township, 120 Acres, 2 parcels, Primary Target.** Tom Sweeney introduced the O'Leary PACE Application. This application was reviewed during the October 3, 2018 LCC meeting for funding considerations. Since being notified that the parcels would not be considered for funding in 2019, the O'Learys reconsidered and asked if they could donate an easement on each parcel. Supervisor Zajac moved to approve request for the O'Leary donation, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**

7. **Resolution: Approval to Begin the Acquisition Process for the 2018 Pace Program (Donation).** The O'Learys should consider parceling off the buildings. Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Resolution: Finalizing Purchase of the Morgan Agricultural Conservation Easement.** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Zajac moved to adjourn the October 22, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 7:36 pm, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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