



## MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2, 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 7:18 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Rich Bostwick, Tom Brien, Wes Davis, Phil Owens, David Rebut, Alan Sweeney, Larry Wiedenfeld, and Jeremy Zajac.

**Committee Members Absent: 0**

**Staff Present:** Tom Sweeney

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Owens moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – November 3, 2015:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2015 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Tom Sweeney stated that Andrew Baker will be starting his new position at the Planning Agency on December 21st. A luncheon for Andrew is scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>. All Committee Members are invited. Please call Linda Pakes with your plans. Tom and Norm attended a Meeting at the Madison Metro Sewage District (MMSD) to learn more about the plans to implement the Yahara River TMDL. The pilot status is being removed and full implementation is scheduled for the upcoming year. More information will be made available in the future. Larry Wiedenfeld stated he has chosen not to run again for County Board. Chair Bostwick thanked him for his service to the Land Conservation Committee. Phil Owens attended a meeting regarding the proposed Alliant Energy Power Plant and stated this will be good for the Rock County Community.
5. **Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Owens. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Resolution: Approval to Begin Acquisition Process for Selected 2015 PACE Program Applications.** Supervisor Sweeney moved the Resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Rebut. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) - Program Update:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the four applications for the Federal ACE program funding. All four applications will be forwarded to USDA-NRCS state office early January 2016. The Morton ACE acquisition is still being processed by NRCS, closing on this purchase should occur in early 2016. The land conservation office was notified by NRCS that a new/updated appraisal is required. Staff will start the process to update all necessary requirements to satisfy the USDA requirements.

8. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) – Approval of Agreements:** Tom Sweeney presented one CREP fifteen year agreement for consideration for the Rosenberg Family Partnership located in Center. The application is for the establishment of a 2.3 acre buffer. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the application as presented, seconded by Supervisor Brien. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) – Approval of Voluntary Program Withdraws:** Tom Sweeney stated the program withdraws presented tonight are a direct result of changes to town zoning maps, and therefore changes to the zoning districts. Tom Sweeney reviewed each application. A short discussion resulted as to towns' consideration of potential changes to zoning maps. Tom Sweeney stated that a town should not change a map unless the landowner requesting the change has a Conservation Compliance Certificate issued by the Land Conservation Department. Supervisor Rebut moved to approve the Voluntary Withdraws as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Land and Water Resource Management Program (LWRM) - Approval of Cost Share Agreements.** Supervisor Rebut moved to approve the agreements, seconded by Supervisor Owens. Tom Sweeney reviewed the agreements for Dan Balis for a Grassed Waterway; Melvin Shotliff for a Grassed Waterway, and Dan Ballmer for a Waste Transfer System and Critical Area Stabilization. **Motion Carried.**
11. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Zajac moved to adjourn the December 2, 2015 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 7:58 pm, seconded by Supervisor Brien. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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