



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7, 2016, 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 7:19 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Brenton Driscoll, Kara Hawes, David Rebout, Alan Sweeney, and Jeremy Zajac.

Committee Members Excused: Anders Dowd

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Tom Sweeney noted agenda item 6 B should be changed from 107 acres to 31.6 acres. Chair Bostwick noted the amendment. Supervisor Rebout moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2016:** Supervisor Driscoll moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2016 Land Conservation Committee meetings, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Review of Bills paid.** Bills Paid were presented.
5. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** NONE.
6. **Review and Approve Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE):** Tom Sweeney presented all five 2016 Program applications with a power point presentation by the order of sub categories below. Also noted all applications were recommended Chair Bostwick stated he would like any motion to correspond to the subgroup being presented.
 - A. **2016 USDA-NRCS Applications:**
 - i. McNall: This application is for 114 acres which is located in Johnstown Township.
 - ii. Lux/Pulera: This application is for 74 acres which is located in Harmony Township.Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the McNall and Lux/Pulera PACE Applications, seconded by Supervisor Rebout. **Motion Carried.**
 - B. **2016 100% Donation Application.**
 - i. Oberdeck: This application is for 31.6 acres which is located in Porter Township.Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the Oberdeck Donation application, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
 - C. **2016 Rock County Funded Applications @ 50% Easement Value.**
 - i. Francis: This application is for 112.5 acres which is located in Union Township.
 - ii. Oberdeck Farms, Inc: This application is for 112 acres located in Fulton Township.Supervisor Davis moved to approve the applications for Francis and Oberdeck Farms, Inc, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**

7. **Resolution: Approval to begin Acquisition Process for Selected 2016 PACE Program Applications (Federally Funded)**: Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Resolution: Approval to begin Acquisition Process for Selected 2016 PACE Program Applications (Donation)**: Supervisor Rebut moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Resolution: Approval to begin Acquisition Process for Selected 2016 PACE Program Applications (Non Federally Funded)**: Supervisor Rebut moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Resolution: Continued Opposition to the Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. Rail Project Impacting Rock County's Agricultural and Natural Resources.** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approved the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
11. **Land and Water Resource Management –**
 - A. **Approval of 15 year agreements:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the Land and Water Resource Management agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
 - B. **Approval of 2016-17 Cost Share Extension Request.** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the extension request as presented, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
12. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Rebut moved to adjourn the December 7, 2016 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:23 pm, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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