



## MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6, 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 7:19 p.m.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Rich Bostwick, Stephanie Aegerter, Wes Davis, Brenton Driscoll, Kara Hawes, James Quade, Alan Sweeney and Jeremy Zajac.  
  
**Committee Members Excused:** None.  
  
**Staff Present:** Tom Sweeney
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Bostwick asked if any changes were needed to the agenda. Tom Sweeney stated the reference to USDA-NRCS under agenda item #8 needed to be deleted. Chair Bostwick noted that agenda item # 6 will be moved to after agenda item # 8. Supervisor Hawes moved to approve the agenda with noted changes, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – November 1, 2017:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Supervisor Davis discussed a resolution that was proposed for issues surrounding the states eminent domain law. Tom Sweeney provided a short update regarding the fall county conservationist meeting.
5. **Review Bills Paid.** Bills Paid were presented to the committee.
6. **Land and Water Resource Management Program (this item was discussed after agenda item #8)**
  - A. **Approve Agreements:** Tom Sweeney stated the only action under this agenda item was to approve an increase in cost sharing from \$5,250 to \$7,000 for the Tom Sayre farm cost share agreement to construct a diversion. Supervisor Quade moved to approve the agreement amendment as presented, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**
  - B. **Approve 2017- 18 Carryover Request for Cost Share Agreements:** Tom Sweeney presented the 2017 to 2018 cost share carryover request. Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the request as presented, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Resolution – Finalizing Purchase of the McNall and Lux/Pulera Agricultural Conservation Easements.** Supervisor Zajac moved the Resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Review and Approve Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) 2017-18 Program Applications:** (Note: reference to USDA-NRCS was deleted by action under agenda item #2)
- A. **Hargarten: La Prairie Township 100 Acres Primary Target.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the PACE application for Lawrence and Sharon Hargarten. Sweeney noted that this application was reviewed by the PACE Council on Monday December 4, 2017 and recommended by the council to be forwarded to the Committee for their consideration of approval. Sweeney continued noting this application has the highest LESA score and Federal score of all applications received. This is a good application to be forwarded to USDA-NRCS for ACEP-ALE program funding consideration.
- B. **Morgan: Porter Township, 40 Acres, Primary Target.** Tom Sweeney noted this application again was reviewed by the PACE Council and forwarded to the Committee for funding considerations. However, this application should be considered a county only purchase due to the limited financial resources the USDA-NRCS has for state wide application.

Tom Sweeney continued and reviewed the remaining applications received by the Department for PACE funding considerations. The remaining three do not fall into priority or secondary priority area and should not be considered for funding at this time. Supervisor Sweeney stated that the PACE LESA scoring is due to be reviewed since numerous parcels have been protected via this and other available programs.

Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the Hargarten application for USDA-NRCS funding option and the Morgan application for the county only purchase option, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**

9. **Groundwater Nitrate Initiative Workgroup – Update.** Tom Sweeney provided the committee with an update as to the status of the Workgroup. Of note the committee recommended three pilot areas to be reviewed for the capture zone delineation process. The three areas being considered are referenced as the County Farm, Riverside Energy, and Prairie Estates. These areas will be forwarded to UW Geologic and Natural History Survey to delineate the capture zones for the target well being considered in each area. Tom Sweeney also informed the LCC of the next scheduled meeting.
10. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Hawes moved to adjourn the December 6, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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