



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 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 7:16 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Tom Brien, Wes Davis, Alan Sweeney, Larry Wiedenfeld and Jeremy Zajac.

Committee Members Excused: Jason Dowd and Dave Rebout

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD and Andrew Baker, LCD
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – March 4, 2015:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Chair Bostwick asked for any communications or announcements from staff or committee members. Hearing none the next agenda item was introduced.
5. **Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to approve the bills and encumbrances as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Farmland Preservation Program – Approval of Voluntary Withdraw for Richard Zanzinger.** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the voluntary withdraw from FPP, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Land and Water Resource Management – Approval of Cost Share Agreements.** Tom Sweeney introduced two agreements for approval; Woodworth for Well Abandonment and Baker for a waterway and diversion. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Brien. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Approval of 2015 Gypsy Moth Suppression Grant Contract.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the contract with the DNR for Bt application in the town of Beloit. Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to approve the contract as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Approval of Letter Outlining Comments as they relate to Conservation Issues Outlined in the Governor’s 2015-17 Proposed State Budget.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the points outlined in the letter. Supervisor Brien moved to approve the letter as written, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**

10. **Resolution – Opposition to Freezing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Fund.** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. **Motion Carried.**
11. **Approval of Municipal WPDES Stormwater Permit 2014 Annual Report.** Andrew Baker presented the report for consideration. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the report as presented, seconded by Supervisor Brien. **Motion Carried.**
12. **Approval of Letter of Support for Multi-Municipality MS4 Grant Application.** Andrew Baker presented and explained the letter. The towns of Beloit, Janesville, Rock, Harmony, and Turtle will be submitting the application. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the letter of support as presented, seconded by Chair Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**
13. **Resolution – Finalizing Purchase of the Plankey Agricultural Conservation Easement.** Andrew Baker reviewed the resolution and noted that the Environmental Assessment report for the Plankey property identified an old farm dump, which may cause issues. The report was conducted last fall and the LCD office received the report on Monday March 6th, after LCD Staff requested a copy of said report. Baker continued by noting the farm dump may need to be cleaned up prior to closing on this easement. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Brien. **Motion Carried.**
14. **Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) – Program Update.** Andrew Baker led a short discussion regarding the status of the PACE program. Baker noted that the USDA-NRCS State Office has a new Easement Coordinator, The 2015 application deadline has not be set as of today and the available funds state wide will have a significant reduction for the 2015 application pool.
15. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Brien moved to adjourn the April 1, 2015 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 7:49 pm, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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