



**ROCK COUNTY PACE COUNCIL
MONDAY MAY 1, 2017 – 8:30 A.M.
LAND CONSERVATION OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI**

MINUTES

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chair Sweeney called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Present: Don Jones, Alan Sweeney, Dave Rebut, Ramona Flanigan, Duane Cherek, Fred Hookham and John Lader.

Staff: Tom Sweeney

Others Present: Sharon Hergarten
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda:** Rebut moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Cherek. **Motion Carried.**
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2016 Meeting.** Jones moved to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2016 meeting as presented, seconded by Rebut. **Motion Carried.**
- 4) **Citizen Participation, Communication, and Announcements:** Tom Sweeney noted the application period is now open for the 2017-18 program.
- 5) **Summary and Overview of Rock County PACE Program Activities:**
 - a. **Funding:** Tom Sweeney informed the council of the account balances for the PACE Program.
 - b. **Status:** Tom Sweeney updated the council regarding the closing of the following easements; Oberdeck Farms Inc., Purchase; Larry and Katherine Oberdeck, Donation; Alvin Francis, Purchase; and Gary Kraus, Purchase should be completed by later this summer. NRCS has given the go ahead with closing the easement purchase for Gary Kraus.
- 6) **Review and Discuss 2016 PACE Applications:**
 - a. **McNall: Johnstown Township, 114 Acres, Primary Target.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the McNall application noting that USDA-NRCS did not fund the application for the 2016-17 program cycle. This application should be considered for the stand alone County Funding Option. The McNalls have agreed to pursue the 50% purchase by the county.
 - b. **Lux/Pulera: Harmony Township, 74 Acres, Primary Target.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the Lux/Pulera application noting that USDA-NRCS did not fund the application for the 2016-17 program cycle. This application should be considered for the stand alone County Funding Option. Lux and Pulera have agreed to pursue the 50% purchase by the county.

- 7) **Make recommendation of approval or non-approval to Rock County Land Conservation Committee for the McNall and Lux/Pulera 2016 applications to be self-funded at the 50% appraisal rate.** Lader moved to recommend to the Land Conservation Committee that the 2016 PACE applications for McNall and Lux/Pulera be approved for the 50% purchase option being offered, seconded by Hookham. **Motion Carried.**
- 8) **Future Meeting Date and Time.** Will be determined at a later date.
- 9) **Adjournment:** Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 am, seconded by Rebout. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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