



**ROCK COUNTY PACE COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY OCTOBER 1, 2018 – 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 8:38 a.m.  
  
Present: Duane Cherek, Don Jones, Dave Rebout, Alan Sweeney.  
  
Absent: Ramona Flanigan, Fred Hookham, John Lader  
  
Staff: Tom Sweeney
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda:** Rebout moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Cherek. **Motion Carried.**
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2017 Meeting.** Cherek moved to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2017 meeting as presented, seconded by Jones. **Motion Carried.**
- 4) **Citizen Participation, Communication, and Announcements:**
- 5) **Summary and Overview of Rock County PACE Program Activities:**
  - a. **Status of program funding:** Tom Sweeney informed the council of the account balances for the PACE Program.
  - b. **Status of past applications:** Tom Sweeney updated the council regarding the closing of the Morgan and Hargarten easements. Tom Sweeney that the closing for Morgan should close in November 2018 and Hargarten should close sometime after the first of the year.
  - c. **Review LESA Score Updates:** Tom Sweeney discussed the LESA Scoring System used to rank parcels for PACE program. Tom Sweeney stated he reevaluated LESA by reducing the given weight of the soils parameter, currently at 0.5 and increased the proximity parameter weight to 0.16 from its current weight of 0.06. Tom Sweeney presented the current eligibility map for LESA and the scenario eligibility map for LESA as for comparison purposes. Discussion pursued regarding the maps presentation as the color scheme for the maps was hard to differentiate. Tom Sweeney closed the conversation with a statement that no action is required on this topic, as it is for information purposes only.
- 6) **Review and discuss 2018 PACE applications (landowners may be present to answer questions regarding their application):**
  - A. New Applications: Tom Sweeney reviewed all the applications received and the reactivated application.
    - i. Barlass: Harmony Township, 379 Acres, 6 parcels, Primary Target. Tom Sweeney reviewed the 6 parcels submitted by William and Marion Barlass for consideration.
    - ii. O’Leary Trust: Rock Township, 120 Acres, 2 parcels, Primary Target. Tom Sweeney reviewed the O’Leary Family Trust parcels submitted for consideration.

B. Reactivated Applications:

- i. Myhre: Porter Township, 60 Acres, 1 parcel, Eligible. Tom Sweeney reviewed the parcel from the Myhre reactivated application.

Duane Cherek noted that three parcels from the Barlass application were contiguous with the priority area and three parcels were in the Priority area. Cherek stated that with the limited funding available as demonstrated earlier, three parcels from the Barlass application should be considered for the federal application process, that being 6-7-385; 6-7-255; and 6-7-256. The three parcels mentioned ranked 1, 2, and 4 regarding the LESA score. The third highest score was a Barlass parcel just outside of the priority area. The O'Leary and Myhre applications should not be considered for funding at this time. Chair Sweeney asked if everyone present agreed with the recommendation. All present agreed.

- 7) **Make recommendation of approval or non-approval to Rock County Land Conservation Committee for the 2017 applications.** Cherek moved to recommend to the Land Conservation Committee that the 2018 PACE applications for Barlass's parcels numbered 6-7-385; 6-7-255; and 6-7-256 be approved for federal funding applications, contingent on all reviewing agencies support, seconded by Jones. **Motion Carried.**
- 8) **Adjournment:** Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 am, seconded by Cherek. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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