



## MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1, 2018, 7:00 P.M.  
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
440 N US HWY 14  
JANESVILLE WI**

1. **Call to Order:** Vice-Chair Sweeney called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Stephanie Aegerter, Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Robert Potter, James Quade, Alan Sweeney, and Jeremy Zajac.  
  
**Committee Members Excused:** None  
  
**Others Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD; Chris Murphy, LCD; Tom Brien, County Board Member.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Vice-Chair Sweeney asked if any changes were needed to the agenda. Tom Sweeney stated Dave Wellnitz's name should be added to item 7.b. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor Potter. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2018 and July 3, 2018:** Supervisor Quade moved to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2018 and July 3, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meetings as presented, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Supervisor Davis informed the committee regarding the WLWCA Southern Area Tour and noted Rock County's resolutions for supporting changes to the Farmland Preservation Program and Eminent Domain were accepted at the business meeting. The resolutions will need to be reformatted to meet the WLWCA guidelines for resolutions. Both resolutions will be forwarded to the 2019 annual business meeting during the WLWCA conference for consideration.
5. **Review Bills Paid.** Tom Sweeney distributed copies of the bills to the Committee.
6. **Resolution – Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project.** Supervisor Driscoll moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Yahara WINS Project:**
  - A. **Approve Amendment 2 of the Yahara WINS Rock County Service Agreement.** Supervisor Sweeney asked if Chris Murphy could make an annual report on this project. Supervisor Sweeney moved the Amendment as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
  - B. **Approve Cost Share Agreements for Thomas Young and Dave Wellnitz.** Supervisor Quade moved to approve the cost share agreements, seconded by Supervisor Potter. Chris Murphy explained the cost share agreements. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Update on the Resolution Proposed changes to the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program.** Tom Sweeney provided an update on the resolution. Al Sweeney stated the Wisconsin County's Association steering committee for Agriculture, Environment and Land Use accepted the resolution and it has been forwarded to the WLWCA Legislative committee.

9. **2019 Budget Preliminary Review:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the budget as proposed for 2019. Each line item of revenues and expenses for all programs under the LCD jurisdiction were discussed. Changes include an increase in rent paid for office space to protect the conference room in the building from potentially being rented for office space. Also, an increase for the establishment of a county cost share component for best management practices was discussed.
10. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program - Update.** Tom Sweeney presented an update on the PACE program. Of interest was the update to the PACE Program eligibility maps, completed by the Planning and Development Agency. Tom Sweeney will review the maps to assure they were completed in accordance with the request.
11. **Groundwater Nitrate Pilot Project.** Tom Sweeney stated the workgroup met on Monday July 30, 2018. The next meeting will be held on August 27 or September 4, 2018 depending on the availability of Cover Crop Specialists. Also Sweeney stated Rick Wietersen reviewed the test results of the observation wells thus far.
12. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Aegerter moved to adjourn the August 1, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:40 pm, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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