



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY JUNE 3, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
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**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY JUNE 3, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
Virtual Meeting**

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Election of Committee Vice-Chair.
4. Set time and day for monthly meetings.
5. Approval of Minutes – February 5, 2020.
6. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.
7. Review Bills Paid.
8. Land and Water Resource Management Program - Approval of Cost Share Agreements.
9. Yahara WINs Program – Approval of Cost Share Agreements.
10. Construction Site Erosion Control/Stormwater Management Ordinance:
 - a: Request(s) for 6 month Extensions.
 - b: Request to Waive Double Permit Fees – MS Properties.
11. Update – Groundwater Workgroup Activities.
12. Update - Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements.
13. Adjourn.



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Committee Members Present: Stephanie Aegerter, Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, James Quade, Alan Sweeney and Jeremy Zajac.

Committee Members Excused: Robert Potter, Kaelyb Lokrantz

Others Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator, Tom Sweeney, LCD; Chris Murphy, LCD; Tom Brien, County Board Member and Marilla Smith, Citizen.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – February 5, 2020 LCC meeting:** Supervisor Davis moved the minutes from the February 5, 2020 LCC meeting, seconded by Supervisor Quade **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Chair Bostwick asked if the Spring Land Conservation Practice tour could be scheduled for June 4, 2020, tour date was set. Supervisor Aegerter noted the Janesville Farmers market is set for this Saturday at St. Johns Church from 9-1pm.
5. **Review Bills Paid:** The committee reviewed the bills paid. No questions were asked.
6. **Succession Plan/Future Staff Considerations: Josh Smith,** County Administrator started the conversation stating that Thomas Sweeney will be retiring this spring. Mr. Smith noted there are many steps to replace a Department Head which include two interviews. The first interview session will be conducted by Administration, HR Director, and an outside third party. The second interviews will include the committee and administration. So the process could take two plus months. Supervisor Sweeney noted that the Land Conservation Department is currently involved in numerous projects that will take a thorough understanding of each. Chair Bostwick noted that the PACE program and the Groundwater Nitrate program are the two most critical programs since they are not replicated in the state. Supervisor Sweeney asked if the interviews would be held at the end of April. Mr. Smith stated that would be his goal. All questions regarding the fill of the County Conservationist position should be sent to Mr. Smith and CC all LCC members. Mr. Smith stated he will have a resolution for the next LCC meeting authorizing to double fill the position.
7. **Construction Site Erosion Control/Storm Water Management – Approval of 6 Month Extension for Permit EC-2018-11 Zach Knutson:** Chris Murphy noted this permit will expired on March 1, 2020. The remaining activity that must be completed to meet the permit conditions is leveling of a soil stock pile seeding and mulching. Chris Murphy is requesting a 6 month extension or until September 1, 2020. Supervisor Zajac moved the request to extend the permit as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Update – Groundwater Workgroup Activities.** Tom Sweeney noted that the next Producer led watershed development meeting will be held at the Craig Center, Rock County Fair Grounds on March 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Tom Sweeney asked if Committee members were interested in attending. The response will require an officially notified meeting; Tom Sweeney will develop an agenda for this meeting. Also the next Groundwater Nitrate Meeting will be held on March 16, 2020 in the Harmony Town Hall.
9. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements - Update.** Tom Sweeney provided an update which included finalizing the 2020 applications to be submitted to USDA-NRCS as soon as the ranking worksheets have been released.
10. **Resolution: Amending the 2020 Land Conservation Department Budget Purchase a GPS Survey Grade Instrument Package.** Chair Bostwick introduced the resolution. Tom Sweeney explained the need to update the current equipment. Supervisor Aegerter moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
11. **Resolution: Extending the Deadline for the Workgroup to Study the High Nitrates in Rock County's Groundwater.** Chair Bostwick introduced the resolution. Tom Sweeney explained the need to extend the workgroups mission until December 31, 2025. Supervisor Quade moved the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
12. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to adjourn the March 3, 2020 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 7:56 pm, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

Minutes are not official until adopted by the Land Conservation Committee.

COMMITTEE REVIEW REPORT
WITH DESCRIPTION
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2019

02/27/2020

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Check Date	Vendor Name	Description	Inv/Enc Amt
62-6280-0000-64928	Cost Sharing					
		P1902863	02/06/2020	BOBOLZ,LOREN	LR-029.19 NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT	5,060.00
		P1902864	02/06/2020	BOBOLZ,LOREN	LR-030.19 NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT	1,856.00
		P1902865	02/06/2020	BOBOLZ,LOREN	LR-025.19 NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT	4,104.00
		P1902866	02/06/2020	BOBOLZ,LOREN	LR-028.19 NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT	4,704.00
		P1902867	02/20/2020	BOBOLZ,LOREN	LR-024.19 NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT	15,748.00
LWC Plan Implementation Grant PROG TOTAL						31,472.00

I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total amount of **\$31,472.00**

Date:

Dept Head _____

Committee Chair _____

COMMITTEE REVIEW REPORT
WITH DESCRIPTION
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020

02/27/2020

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Check Date	Vendor Name	Description	Inv/Enc Amt
62-6200-0000-63100	Office&Misc Exp		02/27/2020	US BANK	ENGINEERING SUPPLY-MEAS TAPE	108.91
		P2000032	02/27/2020	US BANK	2020 STAPLES OFFICE SUPPLIES	93.68
62-6200-0000-63101	Postage		02/27/2020	US BANK	POSTAGE STAMPS	55.00
62-6200-0000-64201	Convention Exp		02/27/2020	US BANK	FEB 20, 2020 CROP CONF. 6 TOTA	360.00
62-6200-0000-64319	Tree Purchase	P2000030	02/27/2020	LAURAS LANE NURSERY	2020 TREE ORDER 25% DOWN	1,643.00
Land Conservation PROG TOTAL						2,260.59

I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total amount of \$2,260.59

Date:

Dept Head _____

Committee Chair _____

**COMMITTEE REVIEW REPORT
WITH DESCRIPTION
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2020**

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Check Date	Vendor Name	Description	Inv/Enc Amt
62-6200-0000-63100	Office&Misc Exp	P2000032	03/19/2020	US BANK	STAPLES -OFFICE SUPPLIES	69.53
62-6200-0000-64201	Convention Exp	P2000032	03/19/2020	US BANK	2020 L & W CONVENTION-GREEN BA	1,180.00
Land Conservation PROG TOTAL						1,249.53
62-6350-0000-62101	Appraisal Fees	P2001135	03/26/2020	PRECISION APPRAISAL AND REAL E	UPDATED BARLASS REPORTS-APPRAI	500.00
PDR/PACE PROG TOTAL						500.00

I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total amount of **\$1,749.53**

Date: _____ Dept Head _____
 Committee Chair _____

COMMITTEE REVIEW REPORT
WITH DESCRIPTION
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 0326

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Check Date	Vendor Name	Description	Inv/Enc Amt
60-6200-0000-63100	Office&Misc Exp					
		P2000032	04/23/2020	US BANK	STAPLES - OFFICE SUPPLIES	229.45
		P2000950	04/02/2020	HENRICKSEN	HMH01-MM10-C CHAIR	370.62
61-6200-0000-64200	Training					
		P2000032	04/23/2020	US BANK	L & W CONF HOTEL C. MURPHY	160.20
62-6200-0000-64201	Convention Exp					
		P2000032	04/23/2020	US BANK	L & W CONF HOTEL W. DAVIS	160.20
62-6200-0000-65321	Building Lease					
		P2000025	04/16/2020	SILHA LLC,DAN	2020 RENT APRIL MAY JUNE	5,147.49
62-6200-0000-67120	Capital Assets					
		P2001116	04/16/2020	TURNING POINT SYSTEMS GROUP	GPS SURVEY GRADE INSTRUMENT	13,995.00
Land Conservation PROG TOTAL						20,063.16
60-6225-0000-62199	Prof Services					
		P2000029	04/16/2020	USDA APHIS GENERAL	2020 USDA FIELD SERVICES	3,240.13
Wildlife Damage/Assmts PROG TOTAL						3,240.13
62-6235-0000-64200	Training					
		P2000032	04/23/2020	US BANK	SNACKS - GROUNDWATER MTG	48.81
Groundwater Nitrate Project PROG TOTAL						48.81

COMMITTEE REVIEW REPORT
WITH DESCRIPTION
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 0326

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Check Date	Vendor Name	Description	Inv/Enc Amt
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I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total amount of **\$23,352.10**

Date:

Dept Head

Committee Chair

June 3, 2020: Land Conservation Committee Meeting

Land and Water Resource Management Program Cost Share Agreements for Consideration:

C/S Agreement #	NAME (OW: Owner) (CSR: Cost Share Recipient)	Practice	Acres/ ea.	C/S amount	Township/Sec
LR-006.20	Q and M Farms LLC (OW)	Waterway System (Rock Lined)	250 ft	\$7,000.00	Janesville 21
LR-007.20	Tartan Farm Corp. (OW)	Waterway System (Grass Lined)	1,191 ft	\$2,270.10	Turtle 32
LR-002.20	Frank Welch	Well Abandonment	1 ea.	\$500.00 max	Lima 13
LR-008.20	Richard J Linsley	Well Abandonment	1 ea.	\$500.00 max	Fulton 17
TOTAL				\$10,270.10	

Yahara WINS Program Cost Share Agreements for Consideration:

C/S Agreement #	NAME (OW: Owner) (CSR: Cost Share Recipient)	Practice	Payment amount	Township/Sec
WINS-01.20	Gary Demrow	Buffer, Grassed Waterway, Wetland Development	\$60,975.00	Fulton 19
WINS-02.20	Thomas C. Young Revocable Trust	Buffer, Wetland Development	\$12,825.00	Porter 10
WINS-03.20	Danny Reed	Buffer, Perennial Vegetation Area	\$67,275.00	Porter 22
WINS-04.20	David Wellnitz	Rock Lined Waterway, Perennial Veg. Area	\$86,800.00	Porter 24
TOTAL			\$227,875.00	

Construction Site Erosion Control/Storm Water Management Program- 6 Month Extension Requests for Consideration:

Name	Permit Number	Location
Sal Gomez	ECSW-2019-1	Parking Lot
Town of Union	EC-2019-7	W. East Union Road
Town of Union	EC-2019-8	W. Evansville-Brooklyn Road
Consolidated Koshkonong Sanitary District	ECSW-2019-10	Wastewater Upgrades
Woodworth Farms	ECSW-2019-12	Oak Grove Church
Beneficial Reuse Management	ECSW-2019-16	Steve Ward Equipment Storage

March 27, 2020

Rock County Land Conservation Committee
Mr. Richard Bostwick, Chair
440 N US Highway 14
Janesville, WI 53546

RE: Erosion Control & Storm Water Management Permit Application Fee

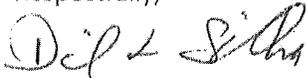
To the Rock County Land Conservation Committee,

MS Properties of Rock County is the owner of the property at 5705 N Milton-Shopiere Rd, Milton WI as of October 4, 2019. In the months following the purchase of this property some work was done on the property to prepare the site for the addition of a new shop building to the property. When the excavation work was done by Frank Silha & Sons Excavating, I was unaware that some of the area we were working in was part of the storm water area and thus I would need an Erosion Control & Storm Water Management Permit to complete the work. This property is a gravel pit and the entire property is zoned as such. The mining area is only approximately 500 feet away from the area disturbed and of course has no storm water management rules to follow. Given these facts, I thought the area disturbed would be exempt from the need for a permit as well.

It was brought to our attention when a Land Conservation employee visited the property that this particular area of the property was considered part of the storm water area. Since then we have worked with Combs & Associates to revise the plans for the area to meet the Land Conservation specifications. The new plan, with the exception of 800 SF more Bio Basin Area, is no different than the previous plan. I have also paid \$1,535 in fines for the work that was previously performed. When the application for the permit was submitted the Land Conservation staff had charged the double permit fee according to sections 4.809 and 4.1109 of the County Ordinance, before they would process the application. In an effort to keep the construction project moving forward, I have paid the double fee. I am requesting that the Rock County Land Conservation Committee consider refunding the double fee due to the situation and that I acted in good faith and did not intentionally violate any Ordinances. The work that was performed did not cause any erosion/silt to leave the site. I have complied with all requests and paid all fines since it was brought to my attention that a permit was required. The amount of the request is \$1,601.50.

Thank you for considering my request.

Respectfully,



Daniel L. Silha
Member