



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY FEBRAURY 5, 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 7:02 pm.

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

Committee Members Excused: None.

Others Present: Dave Terrell, USDA-WS; Tom Sweeney, LCD; Norman Tadt, LCD; Chris Murphy, LCD; Chris Newberry, LCD; Tom Brien, County Board Member.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – January 7, 2020 LCC meeting:** Supervisor Zajac moved the minutes from the January 7, 2020 LCC meeting, seconded by Supervisor Potter. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Tom Sweeney informed the LCC will be testifying at the Capitol on Thursday February 6, 2020 in support of the proposed changes to the Farmland Preservation Program under SB575. Also, Tom Sweeney informed the LCC in regards to his nomination to the Technical Advisory Committee for targeted performance standards and prohibitions to abate pollution of groundwater by nitrates in sensitive areas.
5. **Approve Bills over \$10,000 – Loren Bobolz for Nutrient Management.** Supervisor Sweeney moved the bill for over \$10,000 for Loren Bobolz, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Review Bills Paid:** The committee reviewed the bills paid. Supervisor Davis questioned the WLWCA bill of \$1,929.00 and asked if that represented an increase in dues paid to WLWCA. Tom Sweeney stated the increase is approximately \$50.00. No further questions were asked.
7. **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program:** Dave Terrell from USDA-WS presented the Wildlife Damage Claims for 2019. Four claims were submitted. Dave Terrell noted that the John Zehrer Claim request must include a harvest wavier due to not meeting the objective stated in shooting permits for deer. Mr. Terrell also stated a deer proof fence will be constructed on the sight in 2020 due to the high value crops being damaged. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the Waiver as identified by Mr. Terrell and the Claims as presented, seconded by Supervisor Potter. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Construction Site Erosion Control/Storm Water Management – Approval of 6 Month Extension for Permit ECSW-2018-13 Peace Land Development – Lake Woods 5th Addition.** Chris Murphy explained the request for an extension for permit ECSW-2018-13 stating that the request is staff driven which is directly related to weather conditions this area experienced in 2019. Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the extension as requested, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Land and Water Resource Management Program – Approval of Cost Share Agreements.** Tom Sweeney presented a cost share agreement for Donna Garvoille to abandon a well located in the town of Union not to exceed \$500.00.
10. **Update – Groundwater Workgroup Activities.** Chris Newberry introduced himself to the committee. Tom Sweeney updated the committee on recent activities from the workgroup and noted the next meeting of the workgroup will be Monday February 17, 2020 at 8:00 in the Ag. Service Center Building.
11. **Farmland Preservation Program - Approval of Notices of Non-Compliance.** Tom Sweeney presented the list of notices of non-compliance that need approval, noting that all are requested from the landowners. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the list as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
12. **Approval – Spending Authority request from the Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup; Groundwater Quality Educational Unit / Well Tests - Clinton School District.** Tom Sweeney explained the cost of well tests that were completed as part of the educational unit. The total maximum cost is \$475.00. Supervisor Potter moved to approve the request, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
13. **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. Also, Tom Sweeney noted an email he received from Kristen Westad regarding the available funds for 2020. Tom distributed an updated worksheet he maintains for all easements closed.
14. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Davis moved to adjourn the February 5, 2020 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:07 pm, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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