



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY , DECEMBER 1, 2010, 7:15 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT - CONFERENCE ROOM
USDA SERVICE CENTER
440 N US HWY 14, JANESVILLE WI

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 7:15 p.m.

LC Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Eva Arnold, Dave Innis, Ron Combs, Alan Sweeney, Larry Wiedenfeld, and James Quade.

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Wade Thompson, P&D.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Arnold moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Tom Sweeney asked that the following names be added to agenda item 7(b); Ron Nelson, Waterway System; Tom Skelly, Stream Bank and Shoreline Stabilization; and George Fenn, Stream Bank and Shoreline Stabilization. **Motion Carried with additions.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – November 2, 2010:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the minutes from November 2, 2010 LCC Meeting, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Bills/Transfer Request:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Chair Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**
6. **WLWCA Conference Voting Proxy:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve Supervisor Wiedenfeld as the LCC Representative for the 2010 WLWCA Annual Conference and assign voting rights through the Proxy, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Land and Water Resource Management Program**
 - a) **Update on Cost Share Funds Transfer Agreements; Dodge County and Barron County.** Tom Sweeney stated the Rock County LCD received additional Cost share dollars in the sum of \$24,999 from Barron County and \$3,000 from Dodge County. The transfer requested were approved by the State of Wisconsin DATCP. The final transfer in from other county's total \$37,999.
 - b) **Approval of Cost Share Agreements: David Starks, Waterway; County of Rock, Waterway; R&R Ventures LTD Partnership, Waterway; Iverson & Steinhof, Waterway; Greg Vanthournout, Sinkhole Abandonment; Mel Shottliff, Waterway; Ron Nelson, Waterway System; Tom Skelly, Stream Bank and Shoreline Stabilization; and George Fenn, Stream Bank and Shoreline Stabilization.** Supervisor Combs motioned to approved the cost share agreements as approved, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. **Motion Carried.**
 - c) **Request Extension for 2010 Cost Share Agreements.** Tom Sweeney explained that many of the cost share agreements approved tonight and others that were approved at earlier LCC meetings that could not be completed will be carried over into the 2011 program year. Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the Extension Request, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements – Discussion:** Supervisor Sweeney lead a discussion on the results from the last Ad Hoc Committee Meeting and the tasks yet to be completed. Tom Sweeney distributed a draft copy of the resolution that will be brought before the Ad Hoc Committee on December 8, 2010. Supervisor Combs stated a resolution does not guaranty an avenue for public comment will be available to the public prior to County Board making programmatic changes as requested by the LCC, Supervisor Combs continued stating that a County Ordinance guaranties that public input is accepted. A short discussion ensued on the merits of an ordinance verses a resolution. Supervisor Combs motioned to recommend that Corporation Counsel, Jeff Kuglisch change the resolution to an Ordinance for approval of the Program and Program Manual, seconded by Supervisor Innis. **Motion Carried.** Tom Sweeney stated he will contact Jeff Kuglisch and deliver the motion.
9. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney asked to defer the activities report until the January 2011 LCC Meeting.
10. **Adjournment:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to adjourn the December 1, 2010 meeting of the Land Conservation Committee at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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