



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009, 6:30 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 6:35 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Eva Arnold, James Quade, Katie Kuznacic, Ronald Combs, and Alan Sweeney.

Committee Members Excused: Robert Fizzell

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Quade. Tom Sweeney requested the following amendments to the agenda: transfer be added under item #4; the following names be included under item # 8A, Mary J Lynd and Donald and Mary Cornwell; delete item # 6A. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2009 and October 14, 2009:** Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the October 7, 2009 minutes as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.** Supervisor Kuznacic motioned to approve the October 14, 2009 minutes, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Bills and Transfers:** Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Fizzell. **Motion Carried.**
5. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
6. **Purchase of Development Rights Program.**
 - A) **Discussion with Jim Welsh, Executive Director Natural Heritage Land Trust.**

This item was deleted from the agenda. Supervisor Sweeney stated Jim Welsh, Executive Director of the Natural Heritage Land Trust, would be able to attend the next LCC meeting. Supervisor Kuznacic recommended that a special LCC meeting be held for this discussion. Supervisor Sweeney will arrange to have Mr. Welsh attend a special meeting on Monday, November 16, 2009. Supervisor Sweeney and Tom Sweeney will make arrangements to provide materials to Mr. Welsh prior to this meeting.
 - B) **Program Update.** Supervisor Sweeney updated the committee regarding the development of the PACE program, noting the last Ad Hoc Committee meeting was held on October 27, 2009. Supervisor Sweeney distributed results from a survey conducted to determine the land that should be eligible for the PACE program. Also the Ad Hoc heard about the State of Wisconsin's program criteria and finally the LESA factor weighting.
7. **Land and Water Resource Management Program – Approval of Cost Share Agreement(s).**

Tom Sweeney distributed the updated 2009 program-tracking sheet and reviewed the cost share agreement for Bernard Wellnitz. Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the cost share agreement LR-022.09 as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**

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8. **Farmland Preservation Program**
 - A) **Approval of Notices of Non-Participation for Duane Arnold, Mary J Lynd, and Donald and Mary Cornwell:** Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the notices as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
 - B) **Program Update:** Tom Sweeney updated the committee on the issues surrounding the conservation compliance component of the redesigned Farmland Preservation Program and its future implications on the Department's revenue stream.
9. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney reviewed department activities since the last LCC meeting.
10. **Adjournment:** Supervisor Combs motioned to adjourn the November 3, 2009 meeting of the Land Conservation Committee at 7:45 p.m. seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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