



**MINUTES**  
**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY; JANUARY 6, 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.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Eva Arnold, James Quade, Katie Kuznacic, Robert Fizzell and Alan Sweeney.  
  
**Committee Members Excused:** Ronald Combs  
  
**Others Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD; Wade Thompson, P&D; Carrie Houston, P&D; Steve Schraufnagel, P&D; and John Lader, PACE Vision Group.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Fizzell motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – December 2, 2009:** Supervisor Fizzell motioned to approve the December 2, 2009 minutes with the following corrections; under item # 9 second line discuss should be discussion and under item # 10 second line the motion was seconded Supervisor Fizzell. Supervisor Quade seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Bills and Transfers:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the bills; Under the 2009 Bills cancel payment to Radisson Hotel – La Crosse for \$70.00 and under 2010 Bills Cancel payment to USDA – FSA for \$11,425.00. Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the bills as amended, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
5. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
6. **Resolution – Amending the 2009 Land Conservation Budget - Land and Water Conservation Implementation Grant.** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Fizzell. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program:**
  - A) **Approval of New Agreements.** Tom Sweeney presented four new 15-year agreements for the establishment of conservation buffers: Brad Paulson, Terrance Reilly, Roy Thostenson, and Steve Earleywine. Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
  - B) **Release of CREP Easements for H&L Farms and John Lader and Mike Henning.** Tom Sweeney distributed a staff paper regarding this issue. Tom Sweeney noted that Lader and Henning and H&L Farms, have requested termination of the CREP easements to participate in the USDA-NRCS Wetland Reserve Program (WRP). The WRP will allow the entire properties to be enrolled in a conservation easement. The DATCP has agreed to the termination with the caveat, the properties in question be enrolled immediately into the WRP, hence a closing date will be set and all parties to the easements will be present. The Land Conservation Committee has designated Tom Sweeney to act in the interest of the LCC for this purpose. Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the termination of the CREP

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easements with the stated conditions that the properties be enrolled immediately into WRP and all funding received by the landowners be repaid, seconded by Supervisor Fizzell. **Motion Carried.** Supervisor Fizzell motioned to approve Tom Sweeney as the official representative for the termination of said easements, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Clean Sweep Program - Update.** Tom Sweeney stated he has been informed by the DATCP the Rock County will receive a grant to assist with the funding of the Continuous Clean Sweep Program for program 2010. The grant is for the sum of \$18,500, which represents 50% of the program costs. The preliminary dates and location were also discussed.
9. **Purchase of Development Rights Program -**
  - A. **LESA Program Update – Wade Thompson/P&D:** Wade Thompson introduced himself, Carrie Houston and Steve Schraufnagel to the LCC. Wade distributed a hard copy of the Power Point presentation he developed for the LCC. The presentation is intended to Update the LCC as the status of the of the LESA Program development. Wade reviewed the presentation. After the presentation, committee members asked numerous questions.
  - B. **Discussion –** Al Sweeney stated the PACE Vision workgroup would be meeting on January 11, 2010 at the P&D Conference Room. LCC members are encouraged to attend.
10. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the highlights of the department activities since the last LCC meeting.
11. **Adjournment:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to adjourn the January 6, 2010 meeting of the Land Conservation Committee at 8:34 p.m. seconded by Supervisor Fizzell. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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