



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY; SEPTEMBER 7, 2011; 7:15 p.m.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT -
CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 7:16 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Fred Yoss

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – August 3, 2011:** Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2011 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Bills / Transfers:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Land and Water Resource Management Program – Approval of Cost Share Agreements:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the agreements for: Jerry Balis, Arthur & Lenor Coe, Diana Newman, Diane Bothom, Beverly Lawrenz Quinn, Ruth Inman, and Agnew Farms Inc. Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Innis. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – Approval of 15-year Agreements:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the agreements for: Robert Bladorn, Steven Case, Michael Jones, Duane Gretchmann, and Joe Ryan. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Innis. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Set 2012 Fee Schedule:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the proposed 2012 fee schedule as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. Tom Sweeney distributed the proposed fee schedule for 2012. Tom Sweeney noted that the only proposed change to the fee schedule is the Animal Waste Management section. Supervisor Combs commented on the proposed fees. Supervisor Innis motioned to increase the category of greater than 1000 animal units by \$500. The motion died due to a lack of a second. **Motion Carried, Supervisor Innis voted no.**

9. **Review the 2012 Proposed Land Conservation Budget Proposal.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the proposed Land Conservation Department budget. A short discussion followed. No action was taken.
10. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements – Discussion.** Al Sweeney noted that a new brochure for the PACE program has been developed. Tom Sweeney noted he contacted Keith Foye, DATCP regarding the requirement of DATCP to develop an alternative funding source for the PACE program. Tom noted his inquiry was regarding the makeup of a workgroup and its timeline.
11. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney provided an update on Department activities since the last LCC meeting.
12. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to adjourn the September 7, 2011 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:26 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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