



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MONDAY; NOVEMBER 21, 2011; 6:00 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 6:00 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Fred Yoss, Larry Wiedenfeld, and Eva Arnold.

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Wade Thompson, LCD.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Sweeney requested that item 7A through 7F be moved up in the agenda following item 3, Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – November 2, 2011:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2011 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements – Preliminary Approval of Applications for:**
 - A. **Krajeck;** tax parcel 6-20-143, sec. 18, Town of Union, (approximately 160 acres).
 - B. **Carlson;** tax parcel 6-5-304, sec. 32. and tax parcel 6-5-325, sec. 33, Town of Clinton, (approximately 120 acres).
 - C. **Phelps;** tax parcels 6-20-100, 6-20-101.1 and 6-20-104A, sec. 12 and 13, Town of Union, (approximately 207 acres).
 - D. **Anderson;** tax parcel 6-11-120, sec. 17, Town of Lima, (approximately 83 acres).
 - E. **Francis;** tax parcel 6-20-120, sec. 20, Town of Union, (approximately 119 acres).
 - F. **Vanthournout;** tax parcel 6-20-103, sec. 13, Town of Union, (approximately 154 acres).

Wade Thompson started his presentation by noting that the Krajeck and Carlson applications were approved during the last cycle of application approvals. However, he will review their information during his presentation of the applications. Thompson noted the changes to the program, primarily by the state that hindered the Krajeck and Carlson applications from being submitted to the Natural Resources Conservation Service for funding considerations. Thompson reviewed each application and provided an explanation of each as to why they fit into the overall PACE objectives set forth in the Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program Manual. Also, Thompson noted the actions taken by the PACE Council, which included the tabling of the Francis and Vanthournout applications until staff can resolve identified issues with the applications. Thompson completed his presentation with staff recommendations of: move forward with the Krajeck, Carlson, Phelps, and Anderson applications and develop a conveyance agreement and complete an appraisal of each property, and work on the Francis and Vanthournout applications for the 2012 application cycle.

Supervisor Combs questioned the Phelps application and requested further information on the property to the north in the Spring Creek corridor. Staff referenced a plat book and noted the questioned property was owed by Phelps but did not include any agricultural land.

Supervisor Combs and Supervisor Sweeney questioned the accessibility to the area in the northwest corner of the Vanthournout property.

Chair Bostwick questioned if the intent of the PACE program was being met by not concentrating on the highest ranked parcels first.

Supervisor Sweeney motioned to move forward with the applications based on the PACE Council recommendations for the Krajeck, Carlson, Phelps, and Anderson applications, seconded by Supervisor Innis. **Motion Carried.**

5. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
6. **Bills / Transfers:** Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Land and Water Resource Management Plan – Approval of Cost Share Agreements:** Tom Sweeney presented cost share agreements for: Malcolm Hull, Waterway; Steve Wickingson, Stream Crossing; Dennis Skelly, Stream Crossing; and Brad Kemp, Nutrient Management. Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Innis. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Innis motioned to adjourn the November 21, 2011 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

Minutes are not official until adopted by the Land Conservation Committee.