



MINUTES

ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2014, 7:15 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI

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

Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Tom Brien, Wes Davis, Jason Dowd, Alan Sweeney, Larry Wiedenfeld, Dave Rebout and Rick Richard

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Davis motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Rebout. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2014:** Supervisor Davis motioned to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Dowd. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Rick Richard. Tom Sweeney provided answers to questions regarding the bills. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Soil and Water Resource Management Program – Approval of Cost Share Agreements:** Supervisor Rebout motioned to approve the cost share agreements as present, seconded by Supervisor Davis. Tom Sweeney reviewed the cost share agreements for Oak Creek Farms; Storage Closure, Rock Prairie Farm Inc; Diversion, Jim Raymond; Cattle Crossing and Fence, and Gary Hahn; Grassed Waterway Repair. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Semi Annual Report – Attendances at Conventions and Conferences.** Tom Sweeney distributed the report to the LCC noting that no staff member attended out of state conferences or any training which exceeded the \$1,000 cost threshold. A copy of this report has been forwarded to the County Administration Office.
8. **Resolution: Amending 2014 Land Conservation Budget to Offset Costs Associated with the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**

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9. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program – Update:** Chair Bostwick arrived. Tom Sweeney was asked to develop a discussion paper by Vice Chair Sweeney, which identified potential short and long term funding options for the PACE program. The paper was developed from prior discussions during recent LCC meetings. Tom Sweeney reviewed the document. Vice Chair Sweeney lead the discussion regarding the three options identified in the document. The three options identified were: any future sale of County owned property, a portion of the County Farm rent receipts, and/or requesting support from the tax levy. Tom Sweeney stated that he is currently working on the budget request for 2015, which is due to the County Administrators office by August 1st. Also, Tom Sweeney stated that he will put a cash flow analysis together for the August LCC meeting, with the agreed upon options included. Tom Sweeney also noted that Andrew Baker will present a power point presentation during the next meeting, which will be presented to the entire County Board in the near future.
10. **Annual WLWCA Southern Area Tour.** Tom Sweeney noted that Sauk County will be hosting this year's tour which is set for July 30th. Supervisors Tom Brien, Larry Wiedenfeld and Jason Dowd expressed interest in attending. Tom Sweeney will notify the Sauk County LCD.
11. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Davis motioned to adjourn the July 2, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 9:18 pm, seconded by Supervisor Richards. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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