



MINUTES

ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2016, 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 7:15 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Anders Dowd, Kara Hawes, David Rebout, and Alan Sweeney.

Committee Members Excused: Brenton Driscoll and Jeremy Zajac.

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Rebout. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2016:** Supervisor Hawes moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2016 Land Conservation Committee meetings, seconded by Supervisor Dowd. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Review of Payments.** The Committee accepted the report.
5. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** NONE.
6. **Yahara River Basin:** Tom Sweeney discussed the potential to enter into a MOU with the Yahara WINS Partnership for installation of Best Management Practices. This action will require an amendment to the County Budget to establish an account for expenses and reimbursements. The initial draft of the MOU stated that an annual 500 pounds (lbs.) of phosphorus would need to be reduced from entering the surface water of Yahara River and its tributaries. Tom Sweeney continued and stated he would like to have a phase in to the target of 500 lbs. He will keep the committee up to date regarding this topic.
7. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program - Amendment to Decrease Spending Authority.** Tom Sweeney stated DATCP requests that Rock County reduce its authorized spending authority for implementation of the CREP program by \$200,000. The proposed adjustment has little or no impact on the Program. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the amendment as presented, seconded by Chair Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Land and Water Resource Management –**
 - A. **Approval of SEG Transfer from Kenosha County.** Tom Sweeney present the SEG Transfer funding from Kenosha County to Rock County in the sum of \$ 14,000.00. Tom Sweeney noted the additional funding can only be used for Nutrient Management. Supervisor Dowd moved to approve the transfer request as presented, seconded by Chair Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**
 - B. **Approval of 15 year Agreements.** Tom Sweeney distributed a spread sheet with cost share agreements that need to be approved. Supervisor Hawes moved to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Dowd. **Motion Carried.**

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9. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE):**
 - A. **2017 Applicants.** Tom Sweeney discussed the 2016-17 applications. He has received two for federal funding and two for county funding at 50% (both parties were interested in reduced payments) and one donation request. Tom Sweeney stated that the Council will need to meet and forward recommendations to the LCC during their next meeting.
 - B. **PACE Council Update.** Tom Sweeney stated that the PACE Council will need to be reappointed by the end of calendar year 2016. Tom has sent out a request to current members regarding their interest to remain on the Council. Tom will have the final recommendations at the next LCC Meeting.
 - C. **Program Update.** Tom Sweeney provided an update on the program.
10. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Hawes moved to adjourn the November 2, 2016 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:09 pm, seconded by Supervisor Dowd. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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