



**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2017 7:15 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI**

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes – October 4, 2017.
4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.
5. Review Bills Paid.
6. Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Approve County/DNR /USDA Proposed Budget.
7. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program- Approve 15 Year Agreements.
8. Land and Water Resource Management Program
 - A. Approve Agreements.
 - B. Approval of SEG Transfer from Kenosha County
9. Groundwater Nitrate Initiative Workgroup – Update.
10. Resolution – Extending the Deadline for the Workgroup to Study the High Nitrates Levels in Rock County's Groundwater.
11. Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program - Program Update.
12. Adjourn.

NOVEMBER 1, 2017 Land Conservation Committee Meeting

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program 15 Year Agreements (Buffer Strips) for Consideration:

NAME	Admin. Fee	Acres	State Incentive \$	Township/Sec
Danny Reed	\$386.47	8.1	\$2,576.53	Porter/22
TOTALS	\$386.47		\$2,576.53	

Land and Water Resource Management Program Cost Share Agreements for Consideration:

NAME	Practice	Acres/ ea.	C/S amount	Township/Sec
Arndt Angus, LLC, C/O Austin Arndt	Nutrient Management	200 Ac.	\$5,600.00	La Prairie 19; Turtle 8
Hilltop Herefords, C/O John Teubert	Nutrient Management	238.00 Ac.	\$6,664.00	Beloit 18,19,20
Mark Heffel	Nutrient Management	591.62 Ac.	\$16,565.36	Newark 14, 16
JM Implement, INC, C/O Jay Teubert	Nutrient Management	192.45Ac.	\$5,388.60	La Prairie 11, 14, 15 Harmony 35
Rob McConnell	Nutrient Management	188 Ac.	\$5,264.00	Clinton 1
Eugene Stoddard	Nutrient Management	203.32 Ac.	\$5,692.96	Avon 1
H&L Farms, INC, C/O Mike Henning	Well Abandonment	1 ea.	\$500.00 Max.	Bradford 30
TOTALS			\$45,674.92	\$45,174.92 nut mgt/ \$500.00 well abandonement

Please note additional c/s agreements may be presented to the LCC at the 11/01/2017 meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Groundwater Nitrate
Workgroup
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney
DRAFTED BY

Board of Health and Land
Conservation Committee
SUBMITTED BY

October 11, 2017
DATE DRAFTED

**Extending the Deadline for the Workgroup to Study the High Nitrates Levels
in Rock County's Groundwater**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the level of nitrates in Rock County's groundwater has increased over the past two decades
2 in private and public wells, with over 30% of the county wells exceeding the drinking water nitrate health
3 advisory of 10 mg/L; and,
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, the County Board of Supervisors passed resolution 17-5A-282 during their May 11, 2017
6 County Board meeting establishing a workgroup composed of the following representatives, Public
7 Health, Land Conservation, Planning and Development, UW Extension, a representative from the
8 Agricultural Service Sector, two at large County Board members and one Farmer currently working with
9 a research project overseen by UW-Discovery Farms to commence research on nitrate reduction strategies
10 that are available; and,
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- 12 **WHEREAS**, this workgroup was to complete its tasks of compiling existing well water nitrate data,
13 evaluating nitrate sources, and researching groundwater nitrate reduction initiatives and strategies being
14 conducted in other parts of Wisconsin and the United States by December 2017. After the tasks were
15 completed, the Workgroup was to make recommendations to the County Board regarding the
16 Groundwater Nitrate issues; and,
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- 18 **WHEREAS**, after numerous meetings regarding the aforesaid tasks, it was determined by the workgroup
19 that a pilot project, conducted in Rock County, would offer the greatest insight to the County's Aquifers;
20 and,
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- 22 **WHEREAS**, the workgroup will not be able to meet the aforementioned deadline and requests the
23 County Board extend the existing deadline to December 31, 2020; and,
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- 25 **WHEREAS**, the new deadline will allow the workgroup to develop, implement, and monitor a small
26 scale pilot project to reduce nitrates in the Groundwater through implementation of Best Management
27 Practices.
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- 29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors in session this
30 ____ day of _____, 2017, approves the extension of the workgroup for the period of May
31 2017 through December 2020 for the sole purpose of researching and developing recommendations to
32 decrease or reduce the rate of increase of nitrates entering Rock County's Groundwater.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF HEALTH

Sandra Kraft, Chair

Louis Peer, Vice Chair

Linda Garrett

Richard Bostwick

Dr. Keith Konkol, M.D.

Dr. Kaitlin Meyers, DVM, MPH

Dr. Connie Winter, DDS

Judith Wade, WHNP

Eric Gresens, R.Ph

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Jeremy Zajac

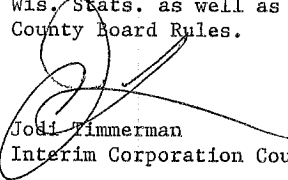
FISCAL NOTE:

Per County Board Rule IV-C, County Board Supervisors who are members of additional special, single purpose or ad hoc committees are eligible for per meeting allowances and mileage reimbursement. Citizen members of such committees shall be eligible for mileage reimbursement only.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

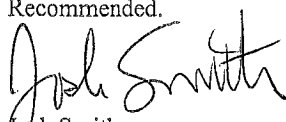
LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to sections 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. as well as Rule IV-C of the County Board Rules.


Jodi Zimmerman
Interim Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This resolution requests County Board approval to extend the deadline for the established Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup as per County Board Resolution 17-5A-282. The current deadline was set for December 31, 2017. The Board of Health along with the Committees represented on the Workgroup request the deadline be extended to December 31, 2020 to accommodate the implementation of a small scale pilot groundwater nitrate reduction project. Implementation of this type of project will allow the workgroup to refine its recommendations of Nitrate reduction in the County's Groundwater Aquifers.

It is anticipated that this workgroup will meet 2-4 times per year during the pilot project to review updates, evaluate progress, and determine ongoing actions needed.