



## MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2, 2017, 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 7:19 p.m.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Rich Bostwick, Stephanie Aegerter, Wes Davis, Brenton Driscoll, Kara Hawes, James Quade, Alan Sweeney and Jeremy Zajac.  
  
**Committee Members Excused:** None.  
  
**Staff Present:** Tom Sweeney
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes –July 5, 2017:** Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Tom Sweeney noted the potential ATC Environmental Impact Fees that will be received in 2018. The allocation of these funds was discussed with the committee agreeing that a 50/50 split with the Parks Division of Public Works and Land Conservation. Tom agreed to draft a resolution regarding this topic. It was noted that the Groundwater Nitrate Initiative workgroup will be meeting on August 14, 2017 at 10:30 am at the Public Health Conference Room. All Committee Members are invited.
5. **Review of Bills paid.** Bills Paid were presented.
6. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) - Approve 15-Year Agreement(s):** Tom Sweeney reviewed the spreadsheet for the pending CREP Agreements. Supervisor Quade moved to approve the agreements as presented for Darles Hoffman, Richard and Allen McCoy, Mark Melin Rev. Trust, Steven Earleywine, Dan Ballmer, Kaaren Torkelson, Cash Farms Inc., O'Leary Gunn Farms, John Weis, and James Wilke, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Resolution: Amending the Land Conservation Department Budget for the Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the resolution. Supervisor Aegerter moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Program:**
  - A. **Approve the Yahara WINS Conventional Grant Award and Agreement.** Tom Sweeney explained the grant presented is for installation of streambank protection projects on the Badfish Creek. This grant is separate from the grant received from Yahara WINS for the installation of harvestable buffers. Supervisor Driscoll moved to approve the grant agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
  - B. **Approve Cost Share Agreements.** Tom Sweeney presented two cost share agreements for installation of harvestable buffers in the Yahara River Basin. The first are for William Myhre and Gary Demrow. Supervisor Quade moved to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program - Program Update:** Tom Sweeney noted that the closings for Oberdeck Farms, Inc and Oberdeck Donation have been schedule for August 18, 2017. Tom Sweeney also noted that the application deadline for the 2017-18 program is set for August 31, 2017.
10. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Zajac moved to adjourn the August 2, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 7:50 pm, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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