



## MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4, 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 7:16 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, Chris Murphy  
  
**Others Present:** David Terrell, USDA-APHIS-WS
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – September 6, 2017:** Supervisor Driscoll moved to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None
5. **Review Bills Paid.** Bills Paid were presented to the committee.
6. **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program.**
  - A. **Set Commodity Prices for 2017 Claims.** Dave Terrell distributed the 2017 state average commodity prices, developed by USDA-APHIS-WS. Terrell continued stating the only prices that needed to be set was for corn and soybeans. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the prices recommended by USDA; corn @ \$3.24/bu and soybeans @ \$8.94/bu., seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
  - B. **Program Overview.** Dave Terrell discussed the overall program.
7. **Erosion Control Ordinance – Request for a 6 Month extension to permit EC-2017-18 deadline by Rock Energy Cooperative.** Chris Murphy introduced the request for a 6 month extension to the Permit # EC-2017-18 being requested by Rock Energy Cooperative. Mr. Murphy explained the rationale behind the extension request. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the extension request as presented for Rock Energy Cooperative, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Groundwater Nitrate Initiative Workgroup – Update.** Tom Sweeney provided the committee with an update as to the status of the Workgroup. Of note is Tom Sweeney and Rick Wietersen met with Staff from the Wisconsin Natural History and Geologic Survey regarding the need for assistance regarding the identification of well capture zones for the pilot project area(s). Tom also informed the LCC of the next scheduled meeting.

9. **Resolution – Determining Allocation of American Transmission Company Environmental Impact Fees to Be Received In 2018.** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. A short discussion regarding the resolution occurred. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program Update.** Tom Sweeney provided the committee with an update including the status of the McNall and Lux purchases.
11. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Zajac moved to adjourn the October 4, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:09 pm, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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