

# IOWA COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Iowa County Land Conservation Department will hold a public meeting on

**Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 9:00 am**

or as soon thereafter as possible,

**at the Iowa County Land Conservation Department Conference Room,  
138 South Iowa St, Dodgeville WI.**

For information regarding access for the disabled, please call 935-2791 extension 3.



## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Certification of Meeting, Agenda and Minutes
3. 2012 Farmer's Appreciation Day Awards
4. PL566 Dams
5. Grassland Broker
6. LCC/LCD Annual Report & Newspaper Ad
7. DATCP Accomplishments Report & Grant
8. County Board Orientation of the LCD/LCC
9. Cost Share Rates for NMP
10. Farm Visits Vehicle (Compliance Checks)
11. 2012 LCD Budget Item – Vehicle
12. CREP Buyout - Retrum/Taylor
13. WLI/FPP Notice of non-compliance forms
14. Blackhawk Lake Update
15. LWRM Project Approvals/Payments
16. USDA/LCD Location Update
17. WALCE Conference
18. LCD Staff Updates
19. Thursday Notes
20. Other Business
21. Comments from Committee Members
22. Set Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

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## AGENDA NOTES

### **2012 Farmer's Appreciation Day Awards Action**

See nomination sheet from LCD/NRCS staff. LCC will have to endorse or offer winners.

### **PL 566 Dams Action**

Dams wintered well, however, there are beaver behind 2 dams and rubbish had to be removed and a trapper contacted for removal. Recommend that all dams owned be mowed this year.

### **Grassland Broker Action**

Working with DATCP on the idea of a Grassland Broker to match grass owners with cattle owners, which seems like a natural win situation. Iowa County LCD has offered space to house this person if idea becomes reality (shared office here or Courthouse).

### **LCC/LCD Annual Report & Newspaper Ad Action**

Please see 2011 Annual Report with the LCD profile sheet. Newspaper ad was put in the Dodgeville Chronicle & Advisor notifying the public that the 2011 Annual Report is a link to the Iowa County web site (using both media to fulfill requirement with DATCP to do an Annual Report. This saved an estimated \$800-\$1,000.

### **DATCP Accomplishment Report & Grant FYI**

Accomplishments Report and Grant application was sent to DATCP for 2013.

### **County Board Orientation of the LCD/LCC FYI**

See attachment of LCD profile.

### **Cost Share Rates for NMP Action**

\$25,000 granted from DATCP to be used for NMP. Quite a few farmers interested, the recommendation is to cost share at \$2.00/ac x 4 yrs which equals \$8/ac. This covers quite a bit of the cost of a NMP, grant goes further to help more farmers, and doesn't enrich anyone (CS rates could be at \$28/ac. At \$8/ac about 3,125 ac covered or an average of 120 acres per farmer = 25-30 farmers helped vs 892 ac or 7-8 farmers @ \$28/ac.)

### **Farm Visits Vehicle (Compliance Checks) FYI**

A request has been made to use a vehicle from the Sheriff & Highway Departments for WLI compliance visits.

### **2012 LCD Budget Item – Vehicle Action**

2012 LCD budget has an estimated \$20-\$25,000 surplus (80% FTE planner vs. ½ time planner without benefits). With the potential to be moving to Courthouse and not having NRCS vehicle access, can we buy a truck?

### **CREP Buyout (Lucas) Action**

Richard Retrum is requesting to buy out Richard Taylor's CREP contract. The LCD will be eligible for refund.

### **WLI/FPP Voluntary Notice of Non-Compliance (Lucas) Action**

Rather than set up a schedule of compliance, some farmers are opting out.

### **Blackhawk Lake Update FYI**

Maybe a brief report from Ron Benish about any updates.

### **LWRM Project Approvals/Payments (Lucas) Action**

See attached sheets for projects needing approval and reimbursements made to landowners.

### **USDA/LCD Location Update (Andy) FYI**

Ad for office space was placed in the paper for an expression of interest by the USDA for a new lease, but the LCD was not included in the space needs. See copy of advertisement. May reconsider when interest info come back.

EQIP & other NRCS program items.

### **WALCE Conference FYI**

Tammy & Jim attended. WALCE voted to merge with WLWCA, which was the major item. Other professional sessions were attended.

### **LCD Staff Updates Action**

Nomination of Tammy Havlik as Outstanding Employee to Curt Kephart. Other employee issues and concerns.

### **Thursday Notes FYI**

See attached copy

### **Other Business**