

TUESDAY JUNE 4, 2013

State of Wisconsin County of Iowa	<b>AGENDA OF THE LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY JUNE 13, 8:00 A.M. IOWA COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE ROOM DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN</b>	2013-02
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Item		
1)	Call the meeting to order.	Call to Order
2)	a) Consent Agenda b) Roll Call – Members Present c) Approval of this Agenda d) Approval of the minutes of the April 11, 2013 prior meeting.	Consent Agenda
3)	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee.	Public Comment
4)	2012 LCD Annual Report to County Board.	Action
5)	LCD-Planning & Zoning Merge/Move.	FYI
6)	Kiwanis Article.	FYI
7)	Farm Bureau Meeting.	FYI
8)	Dodgeville Chronicle Advertisement.	FYI
9)	PL-566 Report.	FYI
10)	LCD/LCC 2013 Award Winner Certificates.	Action
11)	LWRM Cost-share projects.	Action
12)	Anding LWRM Cost-share project repair.	Action
13)	DATCP Request of LWRM Plan Extension	Action
14)	Kewaunee County Resolution	FYI
15)	Thursday Note	FYI
16)	Other Business	FYI
17)	Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn.	Adjourn

Committee Chair Approval: Yes/No

Agenda Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Amended: Yes/No

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# IOWA COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



## AGENDA NOTES

Call the Meeting to Order [Call to Order](#)

Consent Agenda, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda, Approval of the Min. of April 11, 2013 [Action](#)

2012 LCD Annual Report to County Board [Action](#)

Chair Bob Bunker directed this to be put on the LCC agenda.

See enclosed.

LCD-Planning & Zoning Merge/Move [FYI](#)

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Kiwanis Article [FYI](#)

See enclosed.

Farm Bureau Meeting [FYI](#)

Jim McCaulley visited the Iowa County Farm Bureau meeting on May 13th. He shared the Annual Report, Cost-share opportunities, etc.

Dodgeville Chronicle Advertisement [FYI](#)

See enclosed article.

PL-566 Report [FYI](#)

Duesler's issue, Murphy/Love's Creek, DNR Project, etc.

LCD/LCC 2013 Award Winner Certificates [Action](#)

Sign the recognition awards for Farmer's Appreciation Day.

LWRM Cost-Share Projects [Action](#)

Review and approval of all cost-share projects.

Anding LWRM Cost-Share Project Repair [Action](#)

Failure of a cost-share project occurred at Rod Anding's this winter. Will LCC cost-share to repair?

DATCP Request of LWRM Plan Extension [Action](#)

See enclosed form.

Kewaunee County Resolution [Action](#)

See enclosed.

**Thursday Notes** [FYI](#)

See attached copy.

**Other Business** [FYI](#)

Debi Finkelmeyer was elected to be the Area Coordinator of the Southern Area Association at the meeting on May 28th.

**Motion to Set the Next Meeting Date and Adjourn** [Action](#)

Set the next meeting and adjourn.

State of  
Wisconsin  
County of  
Iowa

**Draft Minutes of the  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, April 11, 2013 7:00 p.m.  
Conference Room – Land Conservation Department  
138 South Iowa Street, Suite 3  
Dodgeville, Wisconsin**

2013-02

Item		
1)	The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.	Call to Order
2)	<p>a) Consent Agenda.</p> <p>b) Roll Call – Members Present at roll call – Bob Bunker, Roger Dax, Dan Nankee, Ron Benish, John Meyers, Greg Parman.</p> <p>c) Approval of this Agenda.</p> <p>d) Approval of the minutes of the February 14, 2013 meeting. Motion by Ron Benish second by Dan Nankee to approve the agenda and minutes. Motion Carried.</p> <p><u>Others present:</u> Jim McCaulley, Debra Finkelmeyer.</p>	Consent Agenda
3)	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No reports or comments.	No Comment
4)	Additions to the agenda: New minutes/agenda format, WLWCA Spring Meeting, Blackhawk Lake Fish Cribs & 2014 County Budget.	Information Only
5)	Cost-share on Project (Wells & NMP) After Completion: Due to the lack of technical experience right now with a new employee we would like to promote more Well Decommissions and Nutrient Management Planning contracts this year. We asked for permission to pre-approve a contract for a landowner over the phone prior to starting a project. Motion by Greg Parman seconded by Dan Nankee.	Motion Carried
6)	Staff Update: Both Debi and Rob are doing well. They both attended the WLWCA professional improvement conference and Rob continues to get more tech training.	Information Only
7)	EAP Project: We are currently working on updating our Emergency Action Plans on all our dams. We hope to complete 6 plans this year and 6 next year. We are following the Richland County model which was an approved format 10 months ago. We have our 1 <sup>st</sup> draft completed on Otter Creek Left, Blackhawk Lake and asked for approval to advance through the proper channels. Motion by John Meyers seconded by Greg Parman.	Motion Carried
8)	Birch Lake/DNR Update: The LCC Committee wrote a letter to the DNR to annex some land into the Village and the DNR has held it up. The Village of Barneveld got the ok to patrol the park. The Village wants to know all of their options where the Lake is concerned, including the cost of Dam removal.	Information Only
9)	LWRM Plan Extension Request for 2014: We are in the process of handing out surveys to landowners, etc. to find out if the Resource Concerns have changed to update our LWRM plan. We asked the committee for approval to write a letter to DATCP and request an extra 2 year extension on our LWRM Plan. Motion carried by Ron Benish seconded by Roger Dax.	Motion Carried
10)	WLI/FPP Update: To date we have approximately 542 returned self certifications and have brought in approximately \$1,425.00 in late filing fees. The WLI/FPP credits were \$1,099,914.00 with over \$70,000.00 missed because Iowa County landowners used the wrong tax form.	Information Only
11)	Annual LCC Report 2012: The 2012 Annual Report was posted on-line with an ad in the Ad-Visor and Dodgeville Chronicle. It may also be viewed on our webpage at <a href="http://www.iowacounty.org">www.iowacounty.org</a> .	Information Only

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12)	2013 DATCP Grant Contract/Budget: Our contract has not been approved yet. Our preliminary amounts are \$35,000.00 for Nutrient Management Plans and \$61,741.00 for LWRM projects.	Information Only
13)	2014 DATCP Grant Application: We were required to submit our grant application for 2014 by April 15 <sup>th</sup> of this year. We asked for approval and had Bob Bunker, Chair sign the application. Motion carried by Greg Parman seconded by Dan Nankee	Motion Carried
14)	LCC 2013 Awards: We showed the nominations to the committee and asked for their approval of the candidates. Letters will be sent to the candidates this week. Conservation Farmer of the Year, Laura Daniels, Water Quality Leadership, Dan Marquardt, Wildlife Habitat (Private), Stith Gower, Wildlife Habitat (Club) Mineral Point Schools (Friends of M.P. Savannah Project), Tree Farmer, Rock Ridge Community. Motion carried by Ron Benish seconded by John Meyers.	Motion Carried
15)	LWRM Project Approvals/Update: One project was presented for approval. Motion carried Ron Benish seconded by John Meyers.	Motion Carried
16)	Blackhawk Lake Commission – Village & Town Issue: Greg Parman made a motion at the last LCC meeting to have the Villages & Towns work together to come to a solution. They met and decided not to include the Townships.	Information Only
17)	NRCS Update: N/A	N/A
18)	Other Business: <u>New County Minutes and Agenda forms.</u> There are new forms that Iowa County implemented as a standard throughout the County. We will begin using the new format immediately. We will ask the committee for approval of the new format at the next meeting. <u>WLWCA will be having a Spring meeting in Mt. Horeb.</u> The date is still being determined. LCC Committee members are invited to attend. Jim & Debi will try to attend if the date/time works with our schedules. <u>Fish Cribs at Blackhawk Lake.</u> There were fish cribs installed without the endorsement of both the LCC Committee and the Blackhawk Lake Commission. There is concern that trash could reach the Dams. We have pictures showing the outlets right now being clean and working properly. <u>EDEP, Long Range Planning Committee.</u> Jim attended the last meeting and asked the committee to consider the long term investment and repercussions of the Dams, especially Blackhawk Lake. <u>2014 County Budget.</u> There are big changes coming in 2014 including a potential merger of the Land Conservation Department & Planning & Development. In addition, the Land Conservation Department may relocate to the Courthouse.	Information Only
19)	Motion to adjourn by John Meyers seconded by Roger Dax. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Next meeting date June 13, 2013.	Adjourn

## ***LCC/LCD Report to County Board***

1. **2012 LCC/LCD Profile & Annual Report (See handout)**
  - a. Services & Activities (Front page)
  - b. LCD Staff & LCC Committee (Back page)
  - c. LCD 2012 Annual Report (Inside page)
    - i. All areas with emphasis on
      1. Accomplishments
      2. Financial Benefits to Landowners. LCD Programs – CREP, FPP, LWRM, WDP = \$1,263,790.00
      3. 2012 Grants to LCD. Staff, LWRM, CREP, WDP = \$239,328.00
2. **2013 Grants to LCD**
  - a. DATCP grant (Wisconsin Department of Ag & Consumer Protection) (See handout)
    - i. Staff & Support = \$104,192.00
    - ii. LWRM Cost-Share = \$138,052.00
    - iii. TOTAL \$242,244.00
  - b. WDP = \$35,000.00 (est.)
  - c. CREP = \$40,000.00 (est.)
  - d. TOTAL \$75,000.00
  - e. Expected Total Grants = \$317,000.00
3. **LCD Cost Share Opportunities (See handout)**
  - a. LWRM Cost-Share \$138,052.00
  - b. Stressing Well Decommissioning and Nutrient Management Planning at \$8.00/acre (see brochure)
4. **PL-566 Watershed Structures (See attached maps-12 dams)**
  - a. The engineering inspections are done with NRCS on 6 structures each year and tech review by LCD on the other 6 structures (All structures are in good shape)
  - b. County maintenance planned this year
  - c. Emergency Action Plans are being done on 6 structures this year with the remainder being done when NRCS breach engineering information is completed.

**QUESTIONS???**

## McCaulley, Jim - NRCS-CD, Dodgeville, WI

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To: Curt Kephart  
Subject: FYI

Morning Curt,

FYI-

Please know that-

1- Chair. Bunker asked that LCD Merger/Move to be put on the LCC Agenda for the June 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

2-The editor of the Country Today called me (apparently along with WLWCA, other Counties, etc) about merging, since the topic is a farming issue. Please know I did not solicit the call/interview—and kept my comments to concern for keeping Agriculture Conservation a priority in SW Wisconsin.

Did you receive the Laurie Makos note on USDA commitment to SW Wisconsin?

Thank you for your time.

Jim Mc

## IOWA COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION OFFICE

Iowa County has benefited immensely from conservation programs that allowed land owners to be pro-active in minimizing soil loss and provide for effective nutrient management. In addition to these types of programs the County maintains water retention structures to minimize sudden storm related water events. These structures must be maintained and kept safe for both the land owner impacted and those downstream in the event of a sudden breach. There has been a consistent approach to coordinating Iowa County's efforts with the local NRCS/FSA offices and they have shared facilities for a number of years. There is also a common customer base with Planning and Zoning and Septic inspection. Together they could achieve more than can be done separately. There are both pros and cons to the re-location and merger of the Land Conservation Office with the Planning and Zoning Office. A merger of these two offices would have more benefits than disadvantages.

### Does the present situation call for change?

The Iowa County Land Conservation Office has been going through a series of re-alignments through various staffing and program changes that suggest a restructuring of the Department. It is proposed that an integration of Land Conservation and Planning and Zoning be accomplished under an umbrella agency to be known as the Land Management Department of Iowa County.

**EXAMPLE # 1:** Because the office interacts frequently with the Planning and Zoning office there appears to be an opportunity to bring these two offices into closer alignment to insure maximizing opportunities for communication and presenting a case for the physical relocation of the office.

- ✓ Some LCD and OPD currently overlap in programs, they include: the county's manure storage and nutrient management ordinance; development within shoreland and floodplain zoning jurisdictions, water crossings, bank stabilization; floodplain zoning within dam shadows (PL56 structure breach analyses); development of Emergency Action Plans for PL56 dams; and administration of the Farmland Preservation Program.
- ✓ There is also a growing collaboration between our GIS mapping capability and LCD programs, which much potential yet unrealized. Sharing a common network with the rest of Iowa County staff would enhance the ability of this office to collaborate with other offices, sharing electronic files and documents and GIS.
- ✓ Planning and Zoning and Septic Inspections could coordinate staff resources with Land Conservation providing for better use of professional staff time.
- ✓ Coordinated programs afford one stop shopping for Land Management customers.

These opportunities present interesting challenges as the program has functioned well, but somewhat under the radar of most County Board members and other Departments. The prospect for greater collaboration gives rise to additional observations.

**EXAMPLE # 2:** We have been awaiting a decision by the General Services Administration and USDA on re-locating their offices to a different facility with expanded space and parking options. Iowa County was approached regarding whether we might opt in to continuing a shared arrangement at a new location and we informed the USDA that it depended on cost and location.

However, delays in moving an RFP forward at the GSA and U.S.D.A. offices make it unclear when a decision will be reached. This is an opportune time to reaffirm to the public that the programs and services provided by the LCD are *county* services and should be driven more by the needs of Iowa County's citizens more than state or federal priorities. Meanwhile, the County continues to pay rent while we have vacant space next to the current Planning Office. Some paper records remain at NRCS/FSA and there are ways to access those records without being physically co-located.

**EXAMPLE # 3:** The funding of this office is not well understood. The programs generate a large amount of Federal and State money in the County. Planning and Zoning have vested interests in Land use and consistency in land management rules and regulations. The marriage of the two provides better continuity for land owners and hopefully better integration of services. The 2014 Budget should reflect reducing rent and shared support staff expense.

### **SUMMARY –**

A number of Counties have integrated Land Conservation with Planning and Zoning and it appears to be a successful marriage. There are pros and cons to this merger and ideally it might work best if there were an option of a Land Management Center with one stop shopping for all of the above. However, under present circumstances Iowa County has available space for Land Management offices at the Courthouse though it appears insufficient to host NRCS/FSA offices.

**SOLUTION:** For the 2014 Budget year merge the offices of Land Conservation and Planning and Zoning into a Land Management Department with one Department Head:

- Move the offices of Land Conservation to available space at the Courthouse
- Share the support staff position of LC with Planning and Zoning
- Bring Land Conservation onto the present County network and phone system.
- Reduce the duplication of printers, copiers, and services
- Maintain all functions of Soil Conservationist (formerly LC Department Head)
- Develop joint sharing of technical staff to share workload in seasons.

**SUMMARY:** This proposed merger is an endeavor to be pro-active on promoting the benefits of greater collaboration and integration of Land Management Services under one Department Head. The present position of Planning Director would assume the role for the joint office operation maintaining separate budget allocations and formula. That position would be reclassified as the Director of Land Management. At the present time, there is no proposal to reduce staff in this merger.

## McCaulley, Jim - NRCS-CD, Dodgeville, WI

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**From:** McCaulley, Jim - NRCS-CD, Dodgeville, WI  
**Sent:** Monday, June 03, 2013 3:24 PM  
**To:** 'Curt Kephart'  
**Subject:** FW: Staying in Iowa County

Curt,  
Please see the letter from Laurie Makos, Exec. Director I.C. FSA.  
Feel free to share with ASC-EDP Committees.  
Thanks,  
Jim Mc

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**From:** Makos, Laurie - FSA, Dodgeville, WI  
**Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2013 2:15 PM  
**To:** McCaulley, Jim - NRCS-CD, Dodgeville, WI  
**Subject:** RE: Staying in Iowa County

Jim,

Historically there has always been a USDA presence in Iowa County that serves our farm community.

Although in the past it has been discussed to combine into multi-county offices for USDA, it has not occurred (especially in southern Wisconsin). The amount of workload, customer service concerns, and other issues make cross-county line office consolidation inefficient and costly.

Laurie

Laurie Makos  
Farm Service Agency  
Iowa County Executive Director  
138 S. Iowa Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533  
Phone: 608-935-2791 ext. 112  
Fax: 608-935-9713

[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

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### FSA Upcoming Dates and Deadlines-

May 15-August 1: Iowa County General Nesting Season for land under CRP contract  
May 20 through June 14: CRP General Sign-Up Period  
May 31: Deadline to apply for a commodity loan on 2012-crop corn and soybeans  
June 3: 2013 ACRE enrollment deadline  
June 7: Deadline to apply for the 2011 SURE program  
July 15: Deadline to timely file 2013 acreage reports on spring planted crops  
August 2: Deadline to enroll in the 2013 DCP program  
October-November 15: Acreage reporting period for fall seeded crops and for perennial forages.

**Meeting Notes April 8, 2013**

Bill Abbott introduced Jim McCaulley, County Conservationalist for the Iowa County Land Conservation Department, a Kiwanian and past club president. Jim introduced Debra Finkelmeyer, Conservation Department Assistant. The Conservation Department is established under State of Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 92. It designs and administers conservation programs that protect the soils and water resources in the county. Administration is directed by a committee composed of five elected County Supervisors, an at large member who happens to be Kiwanian Dave Ladd and an USDA Farm Service Agency member.

Activities assisting farmers and landowners include:

- Helping develop nutrient management plans.
- Helping landowners obtain income tax credits for keeping and protecting land in agricultural use.
- Improving water quality by reducing sediment and phosphorus in our streams.
- Technical service to landowners who sign up for implementing conservation practices such as contour crop strips and buffer lines along streams.
- Maintenance of the 12 flood control dams owned by the county.
- Assisting farmers in land conservation planning.

The office operates with a \$14 million budget. Kiwanians Dave Ladd, Helen Kirch and David Downs have been recognized in recent years for their conservation practices. The Department is located at 138 S. Iowa Street in Dodgeville Phone 608-935-2791

A survey identifying critical conservation areas was completed.

Our Kiwanis Dodgeville High School Key Club is hosting a blood draw on May 21, 3-7 PM at the school. Red Cross will donate a scholarship to a graduating student, the amount increases with the number of donors. **Mark your calendars for May 21. Bring family and friends with you to DHS.**

**April 15, 11:45 a.m.**

Authentic Japanese Cuisine & Original Recipes  
Chris Messer, Mineral Point Japanese  
Restaurant

**April 22, 11: 45 a.m.**

Uplands Hills Health  
Advanced Directive

**April 29, 11:45 a.m.**

Home health Care & Hospice  
Joyce McPhail, UHH Program Director

**April 8 Announcements**

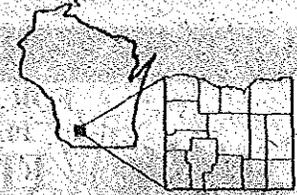
- 50/50 winners: Schill & Finkelmeyer
- Dodgeville is actively supporting the Kiwanis District Governor's project, "Focus on Autism". Charitable 501(c) 3 donations are being accepted by Treasurer Price.
- An Inter club is scheduled tomorrow Tuesday April 9, noon, Platteville.
- Terrific Kids will be recognized on May 6.
- Kiwanis One Day functions April 2-5 at Crestridge and April 6 at Sienna Crest went well.
- An internet club survey will soon be sent to members.
- Our club bylaws are under revision.
- Concession Stand Committee meets today. A book keeper is needed. Call John Hess.
- Key Club Blood Draw, May 21 at DHS.
- DHS Post Prom party April 20.
- DHS Senior Recognition May 19, Dodger Bowl
- Helen Kirch inducted as new member.

Iowa County Land Conservation Department - Cost Sharing Opportunities!  
Do you have soil & water issues?

## Iowa County May Have Money For You!

We offer assistance with:

- Waterway System
- Access Road or Cattle Crossing
- Well Decommission
- Critical Area Stabilization
- Livestock Watering Facility
- Roof Runoff System
- Manure Storage Abandonment
- Heavy Use Area Protection
- Underground Outlet
- Stream Back and Shoreline Protection
- Livestock Fencing
- Diversion
- Filter Strip
- Sediment Basin
- Subsurface Drain
- Water and Sediment Control Basin
- Animal Trails or Walkways
- Milking Center Waste Control System
- Relocating or Abandoning Animal Feeding Operations
- Nutrient Management Planning - \$8.00/ac.



To find out if your project qualifies for a 70% cost share opportunity; contact the Iowa County Land Conservation Department today!

138 S. Iowa St., Suite 3  
Dodgeville, WI 53533  
(608) 935-2791 ext 3  
debra.finkelmeyer@wi.nacdnet.net  
rob.hemling@wi.nacdnet.net

100ft Creek

15-8-B

Beaver Activity in Inlet



BLACK HAWK LAKE O.C. and K. B. BURT

"Clean Water"





East Creek 10-10 Burn Detention Working

DYKESLER'S ... 1-17-71 ... TABLE BOARDS NEEDED TO COVER OFF



Murphy's 1P-5

.. Damsit Weirway + South Dam reservoir



# LWRM Projects for Approval

## June 13, 2013 LCC Meeting

Grant Recipient	Practice	Total Cost	Cost Share	Contract Signed
Jim Massey	Heavy Use Area Protection	1545.00	\$1,081.50	<b>X</b>
Bob Ley	Stream Crossings			
Cathryn Kaiser	Well Decommission	1500.00	\$1,050.00	
Richard Strutt	NMP	777.60	\$777.60	<b>X</b>
Scott & Val Gaffney	NMP	1060.80	\$1,060.80	<b>X</b>
Patrick Kroll	NMP	541.60	\$541.60	<b>X</b>
Coulthard Family Farm	NMP	2240.00	\$2,240.00	<b>X</b>
Coulthard Family Farm	NMP	2048.00	\$2,048.00	<b>X</b>
Gerard McGuire	NMP	336.80	\$336.80	<b>X</b>
David Dolan	NMP	2080.00	\$2,080.00	<b>X</b>
David Lucey	NMP	1080.00	\$1,080.00	<b>X</b>
Tesum, Inc.	NMP	1912.00	\$1,912.00	<b>X</b>
Terry Wolfe	NMP	320.00	\$320.00	<b>X</b>
Carden Farm Partnership	NMP	288.00	\$288.00	<b>X</b>
Earl Welsh (David Dolan)	NMP	488.00	\$488.00	<b>X</b>
Potterton Farms LLC	NMP	1120.00	\$1,120.00	<b>X</b>
Potterton Bros (Potterton Farms LLC)	NMP	960.00	\$960.00	<b>X</b>
D. Gene Potterton (Potterton Farms LLC)	NMP	480.00	\$480.00	<b>X</b>
Jerrold Gaffney Rev Trust (Scott Gaffney)	NMP	418.40	\$418.40	<b>X</b>
Robert Michael Pink	NMP	1111.20	\$1,111.20	<b>X</b>
Russell Moyer	NMP	3200.00	\$3,200.00	<b>X</b>

Kenneth Powell	NMP	680.00	\$680.00	<b>X</b>
The Nature Conservancy (Russell Moyer)	NMP	328.00	\$328.00	<b>X</b>
Lonny Moyer	NMP	664.00	\$664.00	<b>X</b>
Mark Greenwood	NMP	480.00	\$480.00	
	<b>Totals</b>	25659.40	\$24,745.90	



Land and Water Conservation Board  
County Land and Water Resource Management Plan  
Form to Request Extensions of 1-3 Years

*Please fill in each of the following items with appropriate information to support your request for a LWRM Plan extension. You are not required to appear before the Board to have your request approved.*

**County:**

**Length of Extension Requested (1-3 year):**

**Purpose of Extension Request:**

**Identify substantial progress made toward your county's current plan goals (ex. Nutrient management, water quality, FPP, etc.; please limit to two sentences):**

**Has your Land Conservation Committee approved this request?**  Yes  No

Date approved:

If no, approval expected by: (Date of next LCC meeting)

**Additional Comments (please limit to two sentences):**

**County Conservationist Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Print, sign, attach an updated work plan and, if necessary, an updated priority farm strategy, and email/mail to:

Richard.Castelnuovo@wi.gov or Coreen.Fallat@wi.gov



RESOLUTION NO. 7-5-13

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING MODIFICATIONS TO WISCONSIN STATE STATUTE SECTION 710

TO THE HONORABLE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin 2013 - 2015 proposed budget would change regulations governing
- 2 foreign ownership of land in Wisconsin; and,
- 3
- 4 WHEREAS, current state law prevents an individual from another country from owning land in
- 5 Wisconsin unless they reside in the state; and,
- 6
- 7 WHEREAS, a separate provision in state law prevents foreign investors from owning more than
- 8 640 acres of land in Wisconsin; and,
- 9
- 10 WHEREAS, foreign ownership of land would have a negative impact on farmland in Kewaunee
- 11 County and the State of Wisconsin; and,
- 12
- 13 WHEREAS, farming continues to be a vital economic component in Kewaunee County, as well
- 14 as the State of Wisconsin.
- 15
- 16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors duly
- 17 assembled this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2013 does hereby oppose any modifications to Wisconsin State
- 18 Statute Section 710.
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- 20

Respectfully Submitted,

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

*[Signature]* *[Signature]*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Ron Pailla*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Robert Garfinkel*

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Jeffrey R. Wisnicky  
Corporation Counsel

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This resolution does not require an appropriation from the General Fund.

	Y E S	N O	A B S E N T	A B S T A I N
Abrahamson, J.	X			
Barlow, J.	X			
Crevillon, D.	X			
Dax, B.	X			
Dalebrou, D.	X			
Garfinkel, R.	X			
Heldmann, B.			X	
Hoyer, B.	X			
Hutter, C.	X			
Kirchman, L.	X			
Koenig, L.	X			
Mayer, D.	X			
Palder, R.	X			
Paptham, B.	X			
Reckelberg, G.	X			
Shilling, K.	X			
Sinkula, L.	X			
Swoboda, J.	X			
Wagner, C.			X	
Waldner, B.	X			
TOTALS	18	0	2	0



# Thursday Note

An Update on Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Issues

Volume 16, Issue 3

Thursday, April 25, 2013

## Battle to Restore the LCD Staffing Grant Comes Down to the Wire

Your call to your legislator may make the difference in our attempt to restore the budget to fund local land conservation staff. During the next two weeks, the 16 member Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) will take action regarding the 2013-15 budget for the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The Governor's proposed budget calls for a permanent \$1.3 million annual cut to general purpose revenues for the staffing grants to county land conservation departments (LCDs). The funding base would fall from \$9.3 million to \$8.0 million annually. Over the last several months WLWCA has led a very heavy campaign including visits to legislative leaders to spread the word about the value county staff bring to implementing conservation programs that ultimately improve land and water resources. We are pressing to get the base restored to \$9.3 million annually. It is now in the hands of JFC.

All legislators we have talked to believe that the work done by their local staff is important; but finding available dollars in the budget has been the biggest stumbling block to developing a proposal to restore the \$1.3 million cut. Furthermore, a member of JFC will need to offer a proposal to restore funding during the debate on DATCP's budget. Fortunately, the Nonpoint Account of the Environmental Fund, which already provides about 60% of the staffing grant, has a projected balance of several million dollars according to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau. We are helping legislators develop a proposal which would increase the amount of the Nonpoint Account funds by \$1.3 million annually. Without contacts from local constituents that care about the future of conservation, the proposal could be shelved or fail in JFC deliberations even if offered. This is probably our best and last opportunity to get these funds restored.

We have heard from legislators that phone calls are much more effective than Email or other written communication. For us, the compelling case to make regards the impact to water quality and other environmental issues that threaten businesses, tourism, and our quality of life. This effort is one of the few conservation issues being considered by the JFC; one call can have an impact. Please take a moment to let your legislators know that conservation in Wisconsin should not go backward. To find your legislator, visit [legis.wisconsin.gov/pages/waml.aspx](http://legis.wisconsin.gov/pages/waml.aspx).

~Jim VandenBrook, Executive Director

## Luxemburg-Casco High School and Island City Research Academy Win Wisconsin Envirothon

Congratulations to Luxemburg-Casco High School's Team A and Island City Research Academy's Team B for taking first place in the high school and middle school levels of the 2013 Wisconsin Envirothon: Sustainable Management of Grazing Lands. In the midst of snow and ice, 19 teams from 12 schools and over 25 volunteers braved the weather to participate in the rain or shine event featuring hands-on field tests in aquatic ecology, forestry, soils and land use, and wildlife as well as team presentations featuring grazing land management plans. Teams from Cumberland High School, Hurley K-12 School, and Middleton High School also placed in the event. Score sheets and final exam keys are now available at [www.envirothonwi.org](http://www.envirothonwi.org).

Special thanks to Matthew Jacobson, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; John DuPlissis, UW-Stevens Point; Shaunna Repking, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); Leah McSherry, Student Wildlife Society of UW-Stevens Point; and Brian Pillsbury, USDA-NRCS for creating our testing and presentation materials, and to Wisconsin Green Schools Network for promoting the event. Thanks, also, to all the wonderful volunteers and team advisors for making Wisconsin Envirothon possible.

Luxemburg-Casco High School will represent Wisconsin at the North American Envirothon: Sustainable Management of Rangelands at Montana State University-Bozeman August 4-9. Congratulations again to all the teams!

~Kirsten Moore, Office Manager

**Spring County Conservationist Meeting Scheduled May 9-10, Registration Ends April 30**

Join WLWCA for the Spring County Conservationist Meeting at Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids on Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10 to learn about a wide range of issues regarding county land conservation statewide. Topics include conservation success stories, nutrient management, working with certified crop advisors, ATCP 49 and 50, working with the USDA-NRCS, and county funding. This meeting is preceded by an Administrative/Legislative Committee meeting on Thursday morning and followed by a board meeting on Friday afternoon.

Registration is open through April 30 and there is no late or onsite registration. View the agenda including times for the Administrative/Legislative Committee meeting and the board meeting and register online at [www.wlwca.org/MayCoConMtg.html](http://www.wlwca.org/MayCoConMtg.html). Contact the Hotel Mead to reserve your room at 715-423-1500. The room block dates have already passed, but it is possible that the hotel will still extend to you the \$70 room rate if you mention our event and space is available. Please contact the WLWCA office if you have any questions about the event.

~Kirsten Moore, Office Manager

**Join Us for Conservation Observance Day on June 7th**

Make plans to celebrate and recognize Brooks Farms in Waupaca on Friday, June 7. Brooks Farms is the 2013 Conservation Farm Steward of the Year. They are a fifth generation farm, currently owned and operated by Ron and Terri Brooks. Brooks Farms was homesteaded in 1855 and may be the oldest continuously run family farm in Waupaca County.

The Brooks and their staff care for more than 400 head of high producing Holstein cattle. The milking herd produces some of the highest quality milk in the state. The Brooks have worked closely with local, state, and federal agencies to design and implement conservation practices on their farm including no-till planting and conservation tillage, buffer strips, integrated pest management, oak savannah/tall grass prairie restoration, and wildlife corridors to reconnect fragmented habitat. In addition to their participation in the USDA-NRCS Conservation Security Program, Brooks Farms took a new step in the direction of preservation and conservation of land by applying to DATCP's Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program in 2010. The farm was chosen as one of the first 16 PACE recipients in Wisconsin. Their community involvement centers on introducing youth to agriculture and hunting by hosting events such as the local Future Farmers of America "Farm Fest," providing many young children and their parents first-hand experience with what a well managed, modern Wisconsin dairy and grain farm is really like.

This event is free and open to the public. Please join us on June 7 at Brooks Farms for a day of celebrating their commitment to conservation! Additional details will be available soon.

~Chris Schlutt, Program Coordinator

**2013 WLWCA Training Scholarships Available for Members**

Interested in a seminar, conference, or training opportunity and just don't have the funds? Consider applying for a WLWCA Training Scholarship! The Professional Improvement Committee (PIC) administers the scholarship program, which is available to land conservation committee supervisors and LCD staff on a first-come, first-serve basis. The scholarship guidelines and application can be found on the WLWCA website. To access, go to [www.wlwca.org](http://www.wlwca.org), click on Member Resources, then Member Scholarships, which will take you to the PIC page. The second paragraph contains a link for a PDF and a Word document. Send a completed application and requested attachments to Patty Benedict, WLWCA Scholarship Coordinator, via US mail c/o Portage County Land Conservation Division, 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481; via fax at 715-346-1677; or by emailing [benedictpj@co.portage.wi.us](mailto:benedictpj@co.portage.wi.us).

Funding for the training scholarship program is provided by WLWCA and primarily supported by the raffle at the annual conference. Thank you for purchasing raffle tickets at this year's conference in Wisconsin Dells. Support was great, with 892 tickets sold! Congratulations to John Schlesselman of Buffalo County for winning the Mathews Drenalin Bow; Ed Hernandez of Waushara County for winning the Traditions Pursuit Muzzleloader; Judy Betker of Trempealeau County for winning the \$250 Kohl's Gift Card; Jennifer Schierman of Bayfield County for winning \$250 in cash; and Jim Hebbe of Green Lake County for winning the autographed Green Bay Packer football.

~Patty Benedict, Portage County LCD, Professional Improvement Committee Scholarship Coordinator

### Save the Dates! 2014 and 2015 WLWCA Annual Conferences Now Scheduled

Now that the 2013 WLWCA Annual Conference has concluded as a merged conference of county supervisors and staff, the Professional Improvement Committee (PIC) was able to review bids from various conference locations. With attendance exceeding expectations to nearly 340 people including speakers at the 2013 event, it was important for the PIC to consider locations that can hold 400+ attendees, narrowing the conference locations available to meet our capacity. In the past, both WLWCA and the former Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees were able to consider locations that held only 300 attendees. With less than a year to book the 2014 event, available dates were limited, and therefore, the PIC decided to secure both the 2014 and 2015 conferences. The PIC will select the 2016 date and location this summer, returning to a regular booking schedule.

Considering lodging available in the conference venue, menus available at the government per-diem rate for the event, space available for breakout sessions, pricing for refreshments and AV equipment, and dates best suited for the organization that were available and not conflicting with other known partner events, the PIC selected the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton from five bids for hosting the upcoming conferences. Mark your calendars for March 10-12, 2014 and March 9-11, 2015 to save the dates for the next couple WLWCA Annual Conferences in Appleton. We hope to see you there!

~Kirsten Moore, Office Manager

### Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship Seeks Current and Aspiring Dairy Graziers

Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship (DGA), an initiative of Grass Works, helps graziers improve and grow business; find skilled laborers, managers and partners; explore options for alternative investment; plan for retirement and farm transfer; and shape the future of the dairy industry. Over the past three years, DGA has drawn on existing infrastructure and expertise to develop a full-fledged statewide employment and training program. Developed by and for graziers, the program incorporates the most innovative and successful management and investment strategies for grass-based dairy. DGA is now searching for experienced dairy graziers to hire and employ an apprentice from DGA's list of qualified candidates for their farming operations.

The new DGA website includes an online application system and an easily searchable database for employers to find a qualified apprentice. DGA is also seeking both current and aspiring dairy graziers. For more information, to apply online, or to search the database, visit [www.dairygrazingapprenticeship.org](http://www.dairygrazingapprenticeship.org). For specific questions about DGA, contact 715-560-0389 or [info@dairygrazingapprenticeship.org](mailto:info@dairygrazingapprenticeship.org).

~Lanice Szomi, Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship

### SOC Update

The Standards Oversight Council's (SOC) permeable pavement team has been working for nearly nine months on drafting the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (WDNR) first permeable pavement standard, one that will focus on the water quality benefits of these pavement systems. Permeable pavements allow stormwater runoff to be filtered into underlying storage reservoirs and/or infiltrated into native soils. When properly designed and maintained, permeable pavements can reduce runoff quantity, reduce total suspended solids (TSS) and total phosphorus (TP) loads into receiving surface waters, and potentially reduce runoff temperatures. SOC's team is currently reviewing literature and debating the amount of stormwater credit that can be used for volume and pollutant loading reductions to meet performance goals. Currently, the team aims to send out a draft standard to initial reviewers in the fall of this year.

SOC's Nutrient Management 590 Standard Revision team is beginning to determine where changes may be needed in the Wisconsin 590 standard to comply with the national NRCS 590 standard. The team has received and will consider input from various stakeholders throughout the process of the revision. We will continue to meet monthly and plan to send a draft of the revised standard to initial reviewers in the first quarter of 2014.

At the end of this year, the Council will be developing the 2014 – 2016 Work Plan for SOC. We welcome input from all technical standard users for which standards need updates through the Technical Standards Needs Survey which will be available online this summer.

~Gini Knight, Standards Oversight Council Coordinator



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### Calendar of Events

DEADLINE: Spring County Conservationists' Meeting Registration	Apr 30
Central WI River Graziers' No Till Demo, Mosinee	Apr 30
SOC Meeting, Madison	May 7
Legislative/Administrative Committee Meeting, WI Rapids	May 9
Central WI River Graziers' Pasture Inventory Part 1, Ringle	May 9
Spring County Conservationists' Meeting, WI Rapids	May 9-10
WLWCA BOD Meeting, WI Rapids	May 10
WSTC Meeting, Madison	May 16
LM Area Spring Conference/Reorganization Meeting, Green Bay	May 17
NW Area Meeting, Hayward	May 17
Cent WI River Graziers' Fencing/Water Line Installation, Stratford	May 23
WLWCA Office Closed, Memorial Day	May 27
S Area Meeting, Mount Horeb	May 29
Cent WI River Graziers' Resilient Grazing Systems, Wausau	May 30
LWCB Meeting, Madison	Jun 4
Conservation Observance Day, Waupaca	Jun 7
Sand Lake Conservation Camp, Crivitz	Jun 20-22
Youth Conservation Camp, Eagle River	Jun 25-28

*For more information about our events and partner organization events, visit [www.wlwca.org/eventscalendar.html](http://www.wlwca.org/eventscalendar.html)*

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