



AGENDA
Land Conservation Committee
Thursday October 9, 2014 – 8:30 A.M.
Iowa County Land Conservation Department
Conference Room
Dodgeville, WI

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Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.

1	Call to order.
2	Roll Call.
3	Approve the agenda for this October 9 th , 2014 meeting.
4	Approve the minutes of the August 14 th , 2014 meeting.
5	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken.
6	NRCS Update.
7	APHIS Issues/2015 Budget and 2014 Crop Prices.
8	Southwest Badger RC&D.
9	LCD Staff Update.
10	FPP Self Certification Fee.
11	New LCD Office Space Lease.
12	LCD 2015 Budget.
13	FPP Self Certification Mailing.
14	Birch Lake Easement revisions with DNR.
15	LWRM Projects and Payments.
16	More LCD Programming in 2015.
17	Other Business.
18	Next meeting date.
19	Adjournment.

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AGENDA NOTES

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

Roll Call [Action](#)

Approval of Agenda [Action](#)

Approval of the Min. of August 14th [Action](#)

Report from Committee Members and an Opportunity for Members of the Audience to Address the Committee [Public Comment](#)

Open discussion.

NRCS Update [FYI](#)

Andy Walsh to give an update.

APHIS Issues/2015 Budget and 2014 Crop prices [Action](#)

Dave Terrell will be here to introduce both items for LCC consideration and action.

Southwest Badger RC&D [FYI/Action](#)

Cara Carper, Executive Director of Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development, to discuss this year's RC&D.

LCD Staff Update [FYI/Action](#)

Shannon Marr has been hired as the LCD Assistant. An orientation and training plan has been set up. Have Shannon get the Notary license and LCD pay the fee of \$149.00 plus seal cost.

FPP Self Certification Fee [Action](#)

Research has been done and costs considered to potentially implement an FPP Self Certification fee of \$20. Also, EDP recommended the fee. This would go into place in 2015 and potentially generate \$12,740 revenue. Research has been done of the 11 southern area WLWCA counties. 5 are charging a Self Cert fee now and 3 more are considering it. The range is \$30 by Lafayette County to \$15 by Rock County with an average of \$24 to cover LCD staffing, printing, mailing and administrative costs. \$20 would be appropriate. The \$20 X 637 to 687 participants would generate \$12,740 to \$13,740 revenue. This will cover the new building rent lease of \$12,830 and still reduce the 2015 LCD levy by an estimated 10%. Therefore, should a \$20 FPP Self Cert fee be LCD/LCC policy? Also-a signature is needed for a Voluntary Notice of Non-Compliance.

New LCD Office Space Lease [Action](#)

To prepare for the move with USDA and NRCS to a new location (Approved by the County Board 13-8). Should the LCD/LCC approach the building owners to negotiate the lease? (The owners are offering 450 square feet at \$28.51/square foot for 5 years.)

LCD 2015 Budget Action

See enclosed. The LCD 2015 budget has been revised to reflect FPP Self Certification fee as revenue. Therefore, LCD levy would be reduced by an estimated -10%.

FPP Self Certification Mailing FYI

The FPP Self Certification mailing is to go out by November 5th with a December 15th deadline. If not returned by January 1st, a late fee will be charged.

Birch Lake Easement Revision with DNR Action

To accommodate Barneveld's Village Park improvements and Law Enforcement, annexation might not be as simple as reviewing the Iowa County/DNR easement. More info to follow from Dave Rowe of DNR.

LWRM Projects and Payments Action

Rob Hemling will present them. Ley and D'Angelo items/issues.

More LCD Programming in 2015 Action

In evaluation of what other LCDs in the area are doing that we are not (even though those other counties might not have near the FPP workload, any PL-566 dams or have bigger staffing). Shows that they have Customized Tree Sales (Lafayette and Grant). Therefore, in 2015, we have coordinated that if Iowa County land owners need some kind of trees that the DNR can't provide (4 foresters and large tree order form opportunities), our landowners can contact and order through Lafayette County. This is an example of intra-county coordination. Also, because 2015 is the final year to get into compliance with FPP, we will be contacting the income tax preparers (extra LCD programming) to help educate them so they can help their farmer-customers know the seriousness of the deadline and to encourage them to work with their LCD (us) if they want to stay in FPP. Therefore, there will be 2 more LCD program efforts in 2015 done without more staff or more LCD costs; Tree Sales and a Tax Preparer Education Effort.

Other Business FYI

Motion to Set the Next Meeting Date and Adjourn Action

Set the next meeting and adjourn.

Adjournment Action