

State of
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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 st 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 www.iowacounty.org .	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 th 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