

State of Wisconsin County of Iowa	Minutes of the LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, June 13, 2013 8:00 a.m. Conference Room – Land Conservation Department 138 South Iowa Street, Suite 3 Dodgeville, Wisconsin	2013-02
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Item		
1)	The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.	Call to Order
2)	a) Consent Agenda. b) Roll Call – Members Present at roll call – Bob Bunker, Roger Dax, Dan Nankee, Ron Benish, John Meyers, Greg Parman. c) Approval of this Agenda. Motion by Ron Benish seconded by Greg Parman. Motion Carried. d) Approval of the minutes of the April 11, 2013 meeting. Motion by Greg Parman second by Dan Nankee to approve the minutes. Motion Carried. John Meyers withheld his vote. <u>Others present:</u> Jim McCaulley, Debra Finkelmeyer, Curt Kephart, Al Linscheid, John Krill Jr., Mark Palan, Craig Ramsden, Howard Fritsch.	Consent Agenda
3)	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. Motion by Greg Parman and seconded by John Meyers to move public comment to #3. Motion carried. Several members from the townships were present with comments in regards to the Cobb-Highland Commission composition and operations. The committee received a Petition and the audience was asked to contact the LCC committee to be put on the agenda for the next meeting (all municipalities will be invited).	Public Comment
4)	2012 LCD Annual Report to County Board. Motion to present a report as outlined to the County Board by John Meyers and seconded by Roger Dax. Motion carried.	Action
5)	LCD-Planning & Zoning Merge/Move. Curt Kephart, County Administrator addressed the committee and answered questions/concerns. LCD presented a cost-benefit summary to the committee specific to the merger/move with the top three concerns being: Cost, customer service and IT link. Also, Roger Dax reported that FSA supports LCD staying co-located with NRCS & FSA.	FYI
6)	Kiwanis Article. Jim & Debi attended the meeting on April 8 th and Jim was the guest speaker. They posted a nice article about the LCD department.	FYI
7)	Farm Bureau Meeting. Jim attended the last meeting and handed out brochures on cost-sharing. (Laura Daniels expressed concern about us moving. She is wondering how the Farm Bureau can help)?	FYI
8)	Dodgeville Chronicle Advertisement. On May 1 st we ran an article on cost-sharing opportunities. We are trying to publicize the DATCP grant funds.	FYI
9)	PL-566 Report. Duesler's dam had boards put on it to raise the level of water by a renter of the property. Jim spoke to him and made him remove the boards. Gene Van Dyke, DNR removed a beaver dam at Murphy's dam.	FYI
10)	LCD/LCC Award Winner Certificates. Motion made by Greg Parman and seconded by Roger Dax for Bob Bunker, Chair to sign all of the award winner certificates. Motion carried.	Action
11)	LWRM Cost-Share Projects. Motion made by Greg Parman and seconded by Ron Benish to approve all cost-share projects. Motion carried.	Action
12)	Anding LWRM Cost-Share Project Repair. Roof gutters failed on the Rod Anding project. There was not enough slope and drainage back up. Motion made by John Meyers and seconded by Ron Benish to cost-share at 90% to fix project. Motion	Action

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13)	DATCP Request of LWRM Plan Extension. Motion made by Ron Benish and seconded by Dan Nankee to submit a 2 year extension by June 28 th to DATCP for years 2013-2015. Motion carried.	Action
14)	Kewaunee County Resolution. Jim presented a resolution that Kewaunee County passed in regards to not selling property in Iowa County to foreign entities/persons. The committee asked Jim to prepare a similar resolution and bring it to the next meeting for a motion.	FYI
15)	Thursday Note. See attached.	FYI
16)	Other Business/County Conservationist's Report. <u>Summer car</u> : The Sheriff loaned us a car for the summer and we only pay for the gas. <u>2014 budgeting</u> : cost benefit, budgeting, cost on levy 1.2% & \$11.50 back on every dollar. <u>Grassland Tour</u> : June 5 th , NRCS organized a grass tour. State conservationists from WI, IL, IA and MN were in attendance. They are concerned on future conservation & grass. <u>Grazing Broker</u> : LCD has offered consultation & space to house the grazing broker in our area through SW Badger, \$16,000-\$18,000 requested from Fish & Wildlife. <u>Sea Grant</u> : Madison Chapter contacted LCD to speak about Iowa County. Jim will be the host speaker on June 18 th . <u>Bloomfield/DAVEY Engineering</u> : LCD agreed to work with upstream farmers to do NMP's to help manage phosphorous application in hopes that would help the BF plant meet their DNR effluent limits. <u>Cobb-Highland</u> : Commissions in the county, all land is owned by the DNR, bought for \$345,000.00 per Bill Ismel & Tom Howard all land owned by DNR. The DNR is to go to the Courthouse to get the deed fixed. <u>SAA Meeting</u> : May 9 th , Jim, Bob & Debi attended the SWAA meeting & Debi was elected area coordinator. The next meeting will be the summer tour in Dane County. <u>Staff Update</u> : Len is working full-time hours now to complete the status reviews. He will be doing 110 farm visits, Jim 35 visits & Rob 20 farm visits. This will complete all 2013 visits, approximately 700 total. NRCS lost a position and will refill. <u>NRCS Update</u> : Tony Strenz, Soil Technician gave an update. Joe Schmelz was promoted to DC in Grant County, CRP sign up through June 14 th . <u>Youth Day</u> : Will be held at the County Farm next year. <u>Farmers Appreciation Day</u> : July 21 st .	FYI
17)	Set Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment. The next meeting will be held at Blackhawk Lake, 6:00 P.M., August 8 th . Please bring a dish to pass.	Action/Adjournment