

## Minutes of the

## LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, December 12, 2013 4:30 P.M.

Iowa County Land Conservation Department Conference Room  
138 S. Iowa St. Dodgeville, WI 53533State of  
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Item		
1)	The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.	Call to Order
2)	<p>a) Consent Agenda.</p> <p>b) Roll Call – Members Present at roll call – Bob Bunker, Roger Dax, Greg Parman, Dan Nankee, John Meyers, Dave Ladd, and Ron Benish.</p> <p>c) Approval of this Agenda. All agenda action items were moved to the front to complete in case time ran out. Motion by John Meyers seconded by Roger Dax. Motion Carried.</p> <p>d) Approval of the minutes of the October 10, 2013. Motion by John Meyers seconded by Roger Dax to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.</p> <p><u>Others present:</u> Jim McCaulley, Debra Finkelmeyer, Andy Walsh, Rob Hemling, Lori Koeck, Mike Peterson, Curt Kephart, and Dick Cates.</p>	Consent Agenda
3)	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No comments.	Public Comment
4)	APHIS Issues. Lori Koeck from APHIS presented the Cooperative Service Agreement and got signatures. The 90-day harvest date was set at December 1, 2013. Motion by Ron Benish seconded by Dan Nankee to approve the Cooperative Service Agreement. Motion carried. Motion by John Meyers to accept December 1 <sup>st</sup> as the 90-day harvest date. Seconded by Roger Dax. Motion carried.	Action
5)	Public Notice of Road Discontinuations. Motion by Ron Benish to receive and recognize the Public Notice of Road Discontinuations. Seconded by Greg Parman.	Action
6)	Update Blackhawk Lake (Cobb-Highland Commission) Agreement. The minutes were reviewed from the February 9, 2012 meeting that stated LCC decided to remove a spending limit and change the borrowing limit to \$10,000.00 before having to let the County know. Motion made by Ron Benish and seconded by Dan Nankee to keep this policy in place. Motion carried.	Action
7)	Tree Sale Event in 2014. The LCD will be working in conjunction with other counties to be able to do small order tree sales in 2014. Greg Parman made a motion to approve the tree sale event in 2014. Ron Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.	Action
8)	WLI/FPP Self Certification Update. It was decided after December 31 <sup>st</sup> to send out a second mailing to participants who have not returned their forms. Also, to give participants until January 1, 2014 before assessing the \$25.00 late fee. Motion to approve a second mailing and give participants until January 1, 2014 by Ron Benish seconded by John Meyers. Motion carried.	Action
9)	LWRM & NMP Project Update. There are 25 contracts that will be extended into 2014. Motion to approve 2013 extensions and accept LWRM projects made by Dan Nankee seconded by Roger Dax. Motion carried.	Action
10)	Cate's Family Wins Leopold Award. Dick Cates spoke on behalf of his family and thanked the committee for nominating them. He has generously donated \$2,500.00 of his winnings to the Land Conservation Committee to be used towards conservation activities.	FYI
11)	Land Conservation Committee Composition. Two members of the Committee have to be an Extension Committee member or Planning & Zoning Committee member.	FYI

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	We need to add one member from either of those groups in the upcoming Spring election.	
12)	Twin Parks Dam #7 Options. NRCS Engineers put together a cost estimate for options of dam removal requested by Barneveld, Iowa County and the DNR. No decisions have been made at this time.	FYI
13)	Birch Lake Project/Annual Update. Mike Peterson, Village of Barneveld updated the Committee on upcoming potential projects. No improvements were made last year and within the next 3 years they would like to replace fencing and backstop. They are doing all fundraising efforts to pay for it.	
14)	2013 Extra Ordinary Events. During 2013 LCD had new staff training (2 new employees needed training and time to learn LCD work), Blackhawk Lake issues (lots of time on composition of commission, etc.), late DATCP budget (delayed cost-share contracting until June), summer flooding (cropland and dam pressure in late June), merge/move issues (joint effort to evaluate and do analysis, etc.), UDSA close down (16 days in October), budgeting concepts (evidenced based budgeting, return on investment and intra department review/budgeting).	FYI
15)	NRCS Update: Andy Walsh gave a brief overview of the EQIP and CSP programs. The EQIP sign up deadline is December 20, 2013 and the CSP sign up deadline is January 17, 2014.	FYI
16)	Thursday Note. See attached form.	FYI
17)	Other Business. <u>Save the date:</u> Annual WLWCA Conference March 10-12, 2014.	FYI
18)	Set Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment. The next meeting will be held at the Land Conservation Conference Room, 4:00 P.M., February 13, 2014.	Action/ Adjournment