

State of Wisconsin County of Iowa	<b>Draft Minutes of the LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, June 12, 2014 6:30 P.M. Iowa County Land Conservation Department Conference Room 138 S. Iowa St. Dodgeville, WI 53533</b>	2014-10
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Item		
1)	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:29 P.M.	Call to Order
2)	<p>a) Consent Agenda.</p> <p>b) Roll Call – Members present at roll call – Bob Bunker, Greg Parman, Dan Nankee, Roger Dax, Carol Anderson and Ron Benish. Members absent at roll call –Dave Ladd.</p> <p>c) Approval of this Agenda. Motion by Greg Parman seconded by Ron Benish. Carol Anderson abstained from the vote. Motion Carried. Approval of the minutes of the April 10, 2014 meeting. Motion by Greg Parman seconded by Ron Benish to approve the minutes. Carol Anderson abstained from the vote. Motion Carried.</p> <p><u>Others present:</u> Jim McCaulley and Andy Walsh.</p>	Consent Agenda
3)	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. Dan Nankee mentioned the Cobb-Highland Commission and how Highland went through a nomination process which seemed to work well. In addition, he brought in a couple articles to share with the committee.	Public Comment
4)	NRCS Update. Andy Walsh gave an update. The USDA will be leasing a new building on Professional Drive, Tony Strenz transferred to the Monroe office and the position is advertised through June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , there is a cover crop EQIP program running through July 11 <sup>th</sup> and the EQIP Local Work Group will be held in Platteville on July 7 <sup>th</sup> .	FYI
5)	Welcome LCC and Election of Officers. Ron Benish made a motion to nominate Bob Bunker as Chair of the LCC Committee and Greg Parman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rob Benish nominated Dan Nankee as Vice Chair and Roger Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ron Benish nominated Carol Anderson as Secretary and Greg Parman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ron Benish moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Carol Anderson. Roger Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.	Action
6)	2014 DATCP Contract. Ron Benish made a motion to accept the contract. Seconded by Greg Parman. Motion carried. Curt Kephart, County Administrator signed the 2014 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Contract. There is a total of \$256,726.39 coming to Iowa County for cost-share projects and staff and support.	Action
7)	LCC Awards. Motion by Ron Benish to name Nankey Farms as Conservation Farmer of the Year. Seconded by Roger Dax. Motion carried. Motion by Greg Parman to name Mike and Jean Ryan Family as Water Quality Leadership winner. Seconded by Dan Nankee. Motion carried. Motion by Ron Benish to name Janet and Doug Huebner as Wildlife Habitat (Private) winner. Seconded by Carol Anderson. Motion carried. Motion by Carol Anderson to name The Prairie Enthusiasts as Wildlife Habitat (Club). Seconded by Ron Benish. Motion carried. Motion by Ron Benish to name Tom Foster as Tree Farmer of the Year. Seconded by Dan Nankee. Motion carried.	Action
8)	Farmland Preservation Program Certificate of Compliance Policy. Jim McCaulley and Len Olson developed the FPP Certificates of Compliance Policy and presented to the LCC Committee. Roger Dax made a motion to accept and endorse the policy.	Action

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	Greg Parman seconded the motion. Motion carried.	
9)	Notice of Farmland Preservation Program Voluntary Non-Compliance. Two landowners requested to voluntarily be out of the program. The non-compliance forms were prepared, signed by landowner and presented to the committee. County Administrator, Curt Kephart signed off on the form. Motion by Ron Benish to accept the forms. Seconded by Dan Nankee. Motion carried.	Action
10)	LWRM/NMP Projects and Payments. Greg Parman made a motion to accept and approve all LWRM/NMP projects and payments. Ron Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.	Action
11)	Southern Area Association Report and Summer Tour. Jim McCaulley gave a report on the meeting held on June 9, 2014 at the HHS building. The summer tour will be July 30, 2014 in Sauk County. 6 of the 7 committee members signed up to attend the tour this year.	FYI
12)	Land Conservation Department Staff Temp Relocation. A staff member was relocated due to health issues. The first week of July the situation will be reevaluated.	FYI
13)	Office Space Issue. The USDA will be leasing a new building on Professional Drive. Jim McCaulley presented a comparison on cost summary of moving to new building or Courthouse. Ron Benish made a motion to recommend that the Land Conservation Office stay co-located and move to the new building. Seconded by Dan Nankee. Motion carried. Carol Anderson was opposed to the motion.	FYI/Action
14)	PL-566 Update. All 12 dams are now in good shape as maintenance and upkeep are done annually.	FYI
15)	Thursday Note. A copy of the Thursday Note was handed out and is now in a new format.	FYI
16)	Other Business. <u>Letter of Support Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development Council.</u> Jim McCaulley sent a letter of support for a grant effort. <u>Farm Visits on Iowa County Leases.</u> The LCD will offer to the EDP Committee farm visits annually on the 3 cropland leases (Airport, Quarry & Bloomfield). <u>European Farming.</u> This will be revisited at the next meeting if time permits. Jim McCaulley to give a report and pictures on what he saw while on vacation.	FYI
17)	Set Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment. The next meeting will be held at Blackhawk Lake, 5:30 P.M., August 14, 2014.	Action/ Adjournment