



UNAPPROVED MINUTES
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 9th, 2014 – 8:30 a.m.
Iowa County Land Conservation Department Conference Room
138 S Iowa St. Dodgeville, WI 53533

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1	Meeting was called to order by Chair Bunker at 8:32 a.m.
2	Roll Call was taken. Members present: R. Benish, B. Bunker, R. Dax, D. Nankee. Excused: D. Ladd, C. Anderson, G. Parman Others present: J. McCaulley, A. Walsh, C. Carper, S. Marr, L. Olson, R. Hemling
3	Approve the agenda for this meeting. Roger Dax moved to approve the amended agenda for this October 9th, 2014 meeting. Ron Benish seconded the motion. Carried.
4	Approve the minutes of the June 12, 2014 meeting. Ron Benish moved to approve the minutes of the August 14th, 2014 meeting. Roger Dax seconded the motion. Carried.
5	Comments or reports from the audience or committee members. No comments or reports.
6	NRCS Update and Operational Agreement Andy Walsh provided an update on 1) Cover Crop Signup, 2) 2015 EQIP application total of 98 and CRP Applications. The NRCS is still operating without a technician.
7	Southwest Badger RC&D Cara Carper explained Resource, Conservation and Development. Roger Dax moved to endorse the RC&D. Ron Benish seconded the motion. Carried.
8	Aphis Issues/2015 Budget/2014 Crop Prices Dave Terrell unable to attend. He emailed the 2015 Budget and the 2014 Crop Prices. The 2015 Budget is \$22,580.64. The Crop Prices were reviewed with only two changes made. Both forms were signed by Bob Bunker. Motioned by Dan Nankee. Seconded by Roger Dax. Carried.
9	LCD Staff Update Shannon Marr, the new LCD Assistant was introduced. Jim also went over the forms he uses for the annual employee evaluation.
10	Jim McCaulley requested Agenda Items 10, 11 and 12 be covered last as they are very time-consuming and detailed. Action approved by Dan Nankee and seconded by Roger Dax. Carried.
11	Self Cert Mailing Len Olson presented two mailings relating to the FPP Program. One is a new letter being mailed to tax firms and accountants in the area for an FPP update and reminders. The other is to the FPP participants and includes information for them to be successful with the compliance before the dead line. Ron Benish moved to approve the mailings. Dan Nankee seconded the approval. Motion carried.
12	Birch Lake Easement Revision with DNR Jim McCaulley has been discussing the Barneveld/Birch Lake plan with Dave Rowe of the DNR.

	Barneveld wants to do improvements and has found that the area they are looking to use is DNR property. The DNR suggested we should extend our easement to make it under LCD authority. This was delayed and will be addressed further at the December meeting.
13	LWRM Projects and Payments Rob Hemling presented NMP Cost Sharing and the Bondable Cost Sharing. Rob stated there is \$5,855.20 remaining and calls are being made to people on the waiting list. Roger Dax motioned to approve LWRM projects and payments. Ron Benish seconded. Dan Nankee took abstention. Carried.
14	More LCD Programming in 2015 Jim McCaulley introduced two new LCD programs. These include working with Lafayette County on customized tree sales customers in Iowa County may have and the FPP educational effort with tax preparers. By passage of the 2015 LCD Budget, the extra programming was approved.
15	Other Business Ron Benish proposed that the Blackhawk Lake meetings in August should be shortened by having the regular meeting at the LCD conference room the same month and a second meeting at Blackhawk Lake or to just shorten the Blackhawk meeting agenda. This will be discussed further in December.
16	2015 Budget Jim McCaulley discussed the 2015 Budget touching on the goals, the priorities, the accomplishments and the LCD benchmarking comparing Iowa County with 4 neighboring counties. Iowa County has an R.O.I. of \$10.03:\$1. The motion to submit the Budget as presented was made by Roger Dax. Seconded by Ron Benish. Carried.
17	FPP Self Cert Fee Jim McCaulley suggests a \$20 fee for Iowa County FPP Self Cert. This fee will go to the cost of administrating the program including staff time, administration time, mailing cost and printing costs. Also, the comparison to other counties was revisited with the range being \$15 plus \$0.50/acre to \$30. This decision was tabled to December's meeting. Table motioned by Dan Nankee and seconded by Ron Benish. Carried.
18	Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11th, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Motion to Adjourn by: Bob Bunker. Motion accepted by Dan Nankee. Seconded by Roger Dax. Carried.