



**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, December 11, 2014 – 8:30 a.m.**  
**Iowa County Land Conservation Conference Room**  
**Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533**

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1	<b>Meeting was called to order by Chair Bunker at 8:30 a.m.</b>
2	<b>Roll Call:</b> Member present: R. Benish, B. Bunker, R. Dax, D. Nankee, G. Parman, C.L. Anderson Excused: D. Ladd Others present: C. Carper, R. Hemling, Wm. Grover, S. Marr, J. McCaulley, L. Olson
3	<b>Approve agenda for this meeting.</b> Sup. Benish moved to approve the agenda for this December 11, 2014 meeting. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Approved
4	<b>Approve minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting.</b> Sup. Benish moved to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting. R. Dax seconded the motion. Approved
5	<b>Comments or reports from the audience or committee members.</b> R. Hemling has been engaged in the training discussed at the November meeting. Sup. Benish mentioned that he and Sup. Anderson will be working with the Blackhawk Lake Commission to develop a policy on depositing funds as identified in the recent audit.
6	<b>SW Badger RC&amp;D Dues</b> C. Carper of the program and Wm. Grover, member of the Board explained the benefits of the RC&D including a couple of handouts. Nine counties are included in this program and the dues for 2015 are increasing from \$150 to \$2,500. The reason relates to reduced funding from USDA. Sup. Parman moved and R. Dax seconded that the LCD approve \$2,500 be paid for 2015 dues and it would come from the 2014 LCD budget. Approved
7	<b>NRCS Update and Cover Crop Recommendations</b> Walsh provided a written report with three items: EQIP Honeybee Signup – through December 19, 2014 – Benefit to pollinators 2015 General EQIP Signup – About 100 applications have been generated CRP Continuous Signup – Interested producers should start the application process with FSA NRCS along with the LCD will be encouraging the use of Fall-Spring cover crops as an effective erosion control practice. Sup. Benish moved, R. Dax seconded that the LCC endorses the NRCS promoted practice of using cover crops as an effective erosion control practice. Approved
8	<b>2015 LCD Budget</b> DATCP will be providing \$4,234 more in funds to Iowa County to offset staff and support costs. This results in the LCD tax levy at \$113,709 which is \$7,600 less than 2014.
9	<b>LCD Lease</b> Sup. Parman moved, Sup. Nankee seconded approval of a lease with Iowa County Ag, LLC for five years for space in the new building. Approved. The lease has been reviewed by County Conservationist McCaulley, Corporate Counsel Allen, Administrator Kephart, and Clerk Klusendorf.
10	<b>SEG Funds Transfer/County to County - Nutrient Management Planning (NMP)</b> Sup. Benish moved, Sup. Anderson seconded that unspent SEG funds of \$16,000 be transferred to Iowa County from Marquette County. Approved These funds will be applied to a cost share for NMP.

11	<b>Ihm, CAFO and Notice of Violation</b> DNR has scheduled a meeting on December 12, 2014 with the Ihm farm as they have been issued a Notice of Violation related to an issue at the farmstead. The LCD will attend this meeting.
12	<b>LWRM Update with Tracking Spreadsheet</b> R. Hemling shared a spreadsheet he has developed to track cost share projects, payments, and actions. There are 11 surveys ready to be designed. Sup. Nankee moved, Sup. Benish moved to approve the actions outlined on the spreadsheet. Approved
13	<b>Agreements with Birch Lake and Black Hawk Lake</b> Both agreements will be updated and brought to the committee at a later date.
14	<b>Farmland Preservation Update and 2015 Compliance Deadline Strategy</b> J. McCauley and L. Olson reported that 687 mailings were sent out for self-certification. DATCP sent out 172 mailings. Sup. Anderson moved, R. Dax seconded that the following policy be implement to meet the 2015 compliance deadline: 1) soil samples on all of their owned cropland by the end of 2015; 2) complete their 590 Nutrient Management Plan during Winter 2015-16, and 3) Iowa County should issue the landowner a NON, but should check in the following spring to ensure the Nutrient Management Plan has been completed.
15	<b>Farm Bureau Annual Meeting</b> J. McCauley and Sup. Bunker attended the Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and presented information regarding moving to the new location. The resolution to not have the LCD move was defeated.
16	<b>Notary Status</b> S. Marr has received her Notary Public Commission for five years and has already used it in assisting LWRM contracting.
17	<b>Other Business</b> The LCD will be developing a new plan and it will be completed in 2015.
18	<b>Next Meeting and Adjournment</b> The next meeting will be Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Sup. Benish moved, Sup. Nankee seconded adjournment. Approved
	Notes by Carol L. Anderson