



APPROVED MINUTES
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, June 11, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.
Iowa County 2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Room
Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533

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1	Meeting was called to order by Chair Bunker at 9:01 a.m.
2	Roll Call: Member present: R. Benish, B. Bunker, R. Dax, D. Ladd, D. Nankee, G. Parman (joined 9:15), C.L. Anderson Excused: J. Meyers. Others present: J. Griffiths, J. McCaulley, L. Olson, A. Walsh, and W. Warren.
3	Approve agenda for this meeting. Sup. Benish moved to moved that the agenda for the June 11, 2015 meeting be approved, Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Approved.
4	Approve minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting. Sup. Benish moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Approved.
5	Comments or reports from the audience or committee members. Sup. Nankee shared Letter to the Editor (Risch re: fish stock at Blackhawk Lake) in the Dodgeville Chronicle. Sup. Anderson shared a May 29, 2015 letter from Gov. Walker’s office to Palan’s Outpost Sporting Goods regarding a concern he had related to Blackhawk Lake selling food. Sup. Anderson had shared a copy of the letter with Blackhawk Lake Commission Chair A. Kosharek. She also shared that the Structure and Rules Committee is considering recommending the Ludden Lake Commission report to the Land Conservation Committee.
6	NRCS Update Walsh updated the Committee on the following: 1) EQIP Local Workgroup Meeting for Iowa, Grant, and Lafayette counties will be held July 23 (9:00 a.m.) at the Belmont Community Building; 2) 2016 EQIP signup has begun and no end date has been established. It is anticipated having a ranking period around October 1, 2015; 3) Daniel Schlupp is the new NRCS Soil Conservation Technician and begins July 12. Schlupp is moving to WI from NJ; and 4) CRP general has been announced for December 2015. Contracts expiring October 2014 will be given the option of a one-year extension.
7	Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) Update Olson reported that by December 31, 2015, FPP participants must be in full compliance. March 2015, 255 letters were sent to a list in which it appeared those on the list were not in compliance. A post card was included for returning to the LC office. This mailing resulted in 178 returned post cards indicating they wanted to remain in the FPP. This group becomes the focus for work between now and the end of the year. G. Schriefer will be collaborating with LC and offering training July 2015 for the group who want to remain in the program. This training will be on the nutrient management plan. There were 28 respondents who indicated they wanted “out of the program”. There were 49 who did not return the post card.
8	2015 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Contract The Bureau of Land and Water Resources in the WI DATCP and Iowa County, through the Land Conservation Committee entered into a contract in which Iowa County will be reimbursed \$102,234.00 for staff and support and \$180,849.98 for Conservation Grants-LWRM Plan Implementation for 2015.

9	<p>LWRM & NMP Project and Payments Hemling was unable to attend; however a written report was given. The Nutrient Management Plan cost-share interest continues to exceed SEG funds available to Iowa County. To date, the request for funds exceeds available funds by \$11,000.00. Hemling expects to see more interest for developing Nutrient Management plans as the deadline nears. The BOND update indicated that cost share interest continues to be strong. Interest is especially strong for crossings and well decommissions. The WI DNR contacted Land Conservation regarding the Richard Straka farm and barnyard on Factory Road in the Town of Highland. A farm meeting is being set up to discuss options for improving the situation. Hemling has worked with FSA to determine what CREP options are available. The LCD is looking to install practices such as a watering facility, stream crossing, etc. with LWRM funds to address water and pasture access issues. McCaulley has contacted other counties to determine whether or not extra LWRM (SEG & Bonding) might be available to Iowa County.</p>
10	<p>Office Move Update McCaulley invited LCC Members to the new location. The move went well and there was excellent cooperation. Hollandale Freight was excellent to work with during the move. There is a storage building that may be located on Highway property which would have security (fence).</p>
11	<p>PL-566 Update McCaulley reported that 5 of the 12 dams need to be inspected. The remaining seven will have technical updates. Beavers can be a problem when they begin building their structures which means the situation needs to be corrected and this was so for one of the dams. The Highway Department will be doing one mowing.</p>
12	<p>Operation Agreements for Blackhawk Lake and the Village of Barneveld Sup. Benish moved approval for signature of the Operation Agreement with the Village of Barneveld. Sup. Parman seconded. Carried. The agreement with Blackhawk Lake resulted in discussion that an audit needed to be required, the County has the right to inspect the books, and that the Commission begin setting aside funds into a reserve account that would be used for repair of the dams. It was also discussed that at Iowa County budget time there needs to be discussion regarding Land Conservation having a reserve fund for dam repair. It was determined that the Blackhawk Lake Operations Agreement was not ready for approval as the Commission has not reviewed the agreement and there needed to be a couple of modifications. Sup. Benish moved that there be changes to the Blackhawk Lake Operations Agreement before sharing it with the Commission: 1) p.1, Item 4 – add an “s” to dam, 2) Therefore 6 – include wording that the Commission shall undergo a financial audit annually and shall provide copies of the audit results to the LCC and Iowa County reserves the right to inspect financial records of the Commission upon request. Dax seconded. Carried.</p>
13	<p>LWRM Plan Update Work continues on the plan and a public hearing will be set up for August or September prior to a LCC meeting. Several sources were contacted for maps to enhance the plan and maps will be included. The LWRM Plan needs to be submitted to DATCP in September.</p>
14	<p>CAFO Update In the Wisconsin Statutes, there is no separation distance requirement among hog facilities. However, an industry recommendation is a 6-mile radius. This has come about because of airborne transmission of certain hog diseases. Adequate separation distances are an important biosecurity measure.</p>
15	<p>Other Business McCaulley reported that Hemling’s time with trainers has been very good. He asked for feedback on the May update and the response was positive. He shared that members of the LLC are invited to Crestridge on July 10th at 10:00 a.m. to join the celebration of Dave Ladd’s induction into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame. Ladd was unable to attend the celebration in Stevens Point so the celebration is coming to Dodgeville.</p>

16	Set Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will be August 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at Blackhawk Lake. If business is not completed within an hour, the meeting will be recessed and the continuation scheduled for another date.
17	Adjournment – 11:15 a.m. Sup. Benish moved for adjournment. Dax seconded. Carried.
	Notes by Carol L. Anderson, Secretary