



**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, August 13, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Blackhawk Lake Shelter
Highland, WI 53543**

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1	Meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Bunker at 5:00 P.M.
2	Roll Call, Approval of this Agenda and Approval of the Minutes of June 11th, 2015 Members present: Bob Bunker, Roger Dax, Dan Nankee, Ron Benish, and Carol Anderson. Absent: Dave Ladd, and Greg Parman. Others present: Jim McCaulley, Debi Finkelmeyer, Rob Hemling, and Dan Welsh. Sup. Dax made a motion to approve the agenda of the August 13 th , 2015 meeting. Seconded by Sup. Nankee. Motion carried. Motion by Sup. Dax to approve the minutes of the June 11 th , 2015 meeting. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3	Comments or reports from the audience or committee members Sup. Nankee shared the 2014 Grant County Annual Report.
4	Blackhawk Lake Annual Report. Dan Welsh, Manager, reported that the 2014 audit has been completed. The audit reported that no material misstatement or issues were found and that the financial records fairly represented the financial position of Blackhawk Lake. The full audit report will be available soon and copies will be delivered to the Villages and the County. Motion to accept the report made by Sup. Anderson. Seconded by Sup. Dax. Motion carried.
5	July LCD Report Sup. Nankee would like to see the bi-monthly report continue.
6	Operational Agreements and Update The most current Agreements for Blackhawk Lake or Birch Lake were not available. No action.
7	PL-566 Update and Issues Committee members are invited to attend a meeting at Barneveld Village Hall on August 26 th , 2015 at 1:30 P.M. in regards to the status of giving away the dams. Scott Godfrey from Planning and Development has the Emergency Action Plans for Twin Parks 7-8-9-10 in his office and is working on an ordinance to avoid building in flood areas. Murphy's Dam is having issues with beavers which is causing a mess. Sup. Benish made a motion to offer a \$50.00 bounty per beaver up to \$250.00 per year to eradicate them. Sup. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8	CAFO, NOD and Storage Permitting No update on CAFO issues to date. LCD has worked with the Straka Farm to resolve NOD issues. There is a continued interested in storage. The Miller storage was referred to Planning & Development as it exceeds ordinance.
9	LCD Staffing Update Debi Finkelmeyer started as the Department Assistant on August 10, 2015.
10	Grazing Broker Position Space Interviews have been conducted to replace Laura Paine who is no longer here. There is no information yet as to who the position was offered to. No action.

11	<p>Engineering Tech Training Update A quarterly progress report was submitted by Dave Russell and Hemling's progress seems to be on track.</p>
12	<p>LWRM and FPP Update McCaulley reported that we are under 100 FPP participants to follow up with. We have \$39,362.00 of the \$40,000.00 for NMP cost share money contracted. There is still interest and we are looking for more money from other counties.</p>
13	<p>LCD 2016 Budget and DATCP Preliminary Allocation Projections McCaulley reported that we will get \$102,000 from DATCP grants for staff and support which is up \$4,000.00 from 2015, \$45,000.00 for NMP and \$32,500.00 for LWRM. The "first draft" LCD budget is a 1.8% increase. However, due to paying a higher wage than expected for the Department Assistant Sup. Benish challenged McCaulley to reduce the budget by \$2,000.00. Therefore, another "draft"/final LCD budget will be submitted with a goal to keep increase to an estimated 2.5%. Sup. Benish made a motion to accept the budget and Sup. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>
14	<p>Southern Area WLWCA Summer Tour – Business Meeting Update The LCC members toured Richland County this year on August 6th. They all enjoyed the tour.</p>
15	<p>NRCS Update Marie Raboin submitted a report on behalf of NRCS. It included: 1) EQIP Local Workgroup meeting for Iowa, Grant and Lafayette counties was held July 23, at the Belmont Community Building – allocation recommendations to the State Tech Committee are as follows: Crop – 25%, Pasture – 35%, Forest – 15%, Farmstead – 25%; 2) 2016 EQIP signup has begun with an application deadline of October 2, 2015; 3) CRP continuous sign up is ongoing. CRP general signup has been announced for December 2015. Contracts expiring October 2015 will be given the option of a one year extension. 7,000 new SAFE acres available for the Southwest Grassland Area, this is a continuous signup. CRP Summit is September 9-10 in Barneveld for staff to talk about CRP in the new Farm Bill.</p>
16	<p>Other Business Iowa County will be hosting the 2016 Summer WLWCA Summer Tour. Sup. Ladd was inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame on July 10th. Sup. Dax was disappointed with the lack of coverage of Farmer's Appreciation Day in the newspaper. There was no pictures of award winners.</p>
17	<p>Motion to Set the Next Meeting Date and Adjourn The next meeting will be October 8, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the conference room at the new building.</p>