



APPROVED MINUTES
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 8, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.
Land Conservation Office Conference Room
Dodgeville, WI 53533

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| 1 | Public Hearing of the Land and Water Resource Management Plan and Meeting were called to order by Chair Bob Bunker at 9:00 A.M. |
| 2 | Roll Call, Approval of this Agenda and Approval of the Minutes of August 13, 2015
Members present: Bob Bunker, Roger Dax, Dan Nankee, Ron Benish, Carol Anderson, Dave Ladd, and Greg Parman. Others present: Jim McCaulley, Debi Finkelmeyer, Andy Walsh and Mike Jones. Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the agenda of the October 8, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Sup. Nankee. Motion carried. Motion by Sup. Dax to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2015 meeting. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried. |
| 3 | Comments or reports from the audience or committee members
Sup. Anderson pointed out that Leix was misspelled on the September LCC Update. Sup. Nankee also noted and commended the Land Conservation Department for all its efforts and completed projects. |
| 4 | Public Hearing on the Land and Water Resource Management Plan.
The Public Hearing was called to order by Chair, Bob Bunker at 9:00 A.M. McCaulley noted that this plan was a ten-year plan where the last plan (2007) was a 5-year with an extension. Sup. Anderson has suggestions of changes/fixes to make the plan flow better. Motion to accept the plan with said changes/fixes made by Sup. Benish. Seconded by Sup. Parman. Motion carried. Chair Bunker closed the Public Hearing at 10:30 A.M. |
| 5 | APHIS 2016 Budget and Crop Prices.
Mike Jones from APHIS presented the 2016 budget and crop prices were set. Sup. Parman made a motion to accept the 2016 budget and crop prices. Sup. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried. |
| 6 | Review LCC September Update.
Sup. Anderson noted that Leix was misspelled in the update. |
| 7 | LWRM and NMP Cost Share Update.
McCaulley reported that there is an increased interest in manure storage and we plan to fund 1 or 2 projects next year at \$20,000.00 each. Funding for the LWRM projects will be decreased next year. However, funds unspent from other counties will be obtained in 2016. |
| 8 | FPP Update.
McCaulley reported that we are still working to complete all 170 farm visits. He also reported that 715 self-certifications were mailed out on Oct. 7 th with a deadline of Oct. 31, 2015 to return the form with a \$20.00 fee. The question was presented to the committee that if we have an entity and landowner associated with each other do we only charge one \$20.00 fee or \$20.00 per self-certification. Sup. Dax made a motion to charge \$20.00 per self-certification form. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried. |
| 9 | 2016 LCD Budget.
McCaulley presented the 2016 budget. He was challenged at the last LCC meeting to lower the budget to a 0% increase which he did, however with the increase in health insurance rates in 2016 the budget now stands at a 1.03% increase. Sup. Parman made a motion to accept the budget. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried. |

10	<p>PL-566 Issues. McCaulley reported that Iowa County will give Twin Parks #15, Governor Dodge to the DNR, however they will not take any of the other dams. The future of Twin Parks #6 Murphy's, Twin Parks #7 Birch Lake, Twin Parks #8 Trout Creek, are in question. There is a dam removal grant up to \$400,000.00 per dam offered by the DNR with a January 21, 2016 deadline. Sup. Anderson made a motion for the Land Conservation Department to pursue the grant for Twin Parks #7, Birch Lake. Sup. Parman seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>
11	<p>Blackhawk Lake August Report. McCaulley handed out the August report to committee members. Sup. Benish made a motion to advance the Draft Operational Agreement. Sup. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>
13	<p>Grazing Broker Position Update. McCaulley reported that new employee, Robert Bauer will start on Monday October 10th.</p>
14	<p>NRCS Update Andy Walsh reported that the batching date for 2016 EQIP cost sharing was October 2nd. There were roughly 60 applications with a lot of interest in forestry practices. There will be a CRP grassland signup Sept. 15th-Nov. 20th and a CRP general signup Dec. 1st-Feb. 26th.</p>
16	<p>Other Business N/A</p>
17	<p>Motion to Set the Next Meeting Date and Adjourn The next meeting will be December 10th, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. in the conference room at the new building.</p>