



**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 9, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.**  
**Iowa County Courthouse 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Dodgeville, WI 53533**

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1	<b>Meeting were called to order by Jim McCaulley at 4:00 P.M.</b>
2-4	<b>Roll Call, Approval of this Agenda and Approval of the Minutes of April 14th, 2016.</b> Members present: Bob Bunker, Roger Dax, Greg Parman, Dan Nankee, Dave Gollon, and Carol Anderson. Members absent: Dave Ladd. Others present: Jim McCaulley, Debi Finkelmeyer, Marie Raboin, Jake Johnson, Todd Palzkill, and Jim Griffiths. Sup. Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda of the June 9th, 2016 meeting. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Motion by Sup. Parman to approve the minutes of the April 14th, 2016 meeting. Sup. Dax seconded the motion. Sup. Gollon abstained. Motion carried.
5	<b>Election of Officers.</b> Sup Nankee made a motion to elect Sup. Bunker as Committee Chair. Sup. Dax seconded the motion. Sup. Anderson made a motion of a unanimous ballot. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Parman made a motion to elect Sup. Gollon as Committee Vice-Chair. Sup. Anderson seconded the motion. Sup. Nankee made a motion of a unanimous ballot. Sup. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Parman made a motion to elect Sup. Anderson as Committee Secretary. Sup. Dax seconded the motion. Sup. Gollon made a motion of a unanimous ballot. Sup. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6	<b>Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken.</b> Sup. Nankee shared with the committee the Grant County newsletter. Sup. Anderson attended the Blackhawk Lake Commission meeting last night and mentioned the joint meeting and picnic will take place on Thursday August 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 at Blackhawk Lake at 5:00 P.M.
7	<b>Conservation Awards &amp; Recognition.</b> Chair Bunker presented a recognition award to Jake Johnson of FSA for all his hard work on CREP. The committee prepared an award to Ron Benish for his years of service to the LCC committee and will present it to him at the County Board meeting. McCaulley presented Ron Butteris as Tree Farmer of the Year and asked for the committee's approval. By consensus the committee agreed on the Tree Farmer of the Year Award.
8	<b>Farmland Preservation Program Update.</b> Len Olson prepared a report for the committee. McCaulley presented the report. At current time there are approximately 654 FPP participants. 546 Certificates of Compliance has been issued to participants. 91 Notice of Non-Compliance Certificates have been issued since December 2015. In mid-May DATCP did a mailing to approximately 39 landowners filing tax credits but not on the counties FPP participant list. The LCD will do approximately 108 status reviews in 2016. The 2016 annual self-certification mailing will be sent in October. The new FPP software through Transcendent Technologies will go live on June 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2016. By consensus the committee accepts this update.
9	<b>NRCS Update.</b> Marie Raboin noted that NRCS has an EQIP cover crop and Monarch initiative sign up where applications are due June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2016. The general EQIP sign up applications will be due early September.

10	<p><b>LWRM Cost-Share Update.</b> Hemling prepared a report for the committee. McCaulley presented the report. McCaulley asked for approval of several NMP projects that the LCD office is currently working on. In addition, McCaulley asked for approval of 2 contracts not on the report that will move forward in July. Sup. Nankee made a motion to accept the NMP projects. Sup. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried. McCaulley noted that the LWRM grant funds were originally planned to help with manure storage but will now be used for several projects such as spring developments, stream crossings, and bank stabilizations. McCaulley asked for approval of these LWRM projects. Sup. Nankee made a motion to accept these LWRM projects. Sup. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>
11	<p><b>DATCP Additional Grant Funds.</b> McCaulley shared with the committee that DATCP awarded Iowa County an additional \$10,000.00 in NMP (SEG funds) for 2016. Sup. Anderson made a motion to accept the additional grant funds. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>
12	<p><b>DATCP LWRM Plan Approval.</b> McCaulley reported that DATCP sent the final approval and resolution for the LWRM Plan submitted by Iowa County. This plan is approved through 2025. Sup. Parman made a motion to accept the approval. Sup. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>
13	<p><b>CREP Agricultural Use Limitations Request by Todd Palzkill.</b> Todd Palzkill presented a written request to the committee asking for limited grazing of .7 acres on a CREP perpetual easement. Sup. Parman made a motion to accept and support this request. Sup. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>
14	<p><b>Birch Lake Update.</b> Sup. Nankee noted that he was at the meeting and would like the minutes to reflect this. McCaulley and Sup. Gollon reported that the Friends of Birch Lake were given the first option to save the lake. They have to prepare a plan and present it to the Village by February 2017 and to the County by May 2017.</p>
15	<p><b>DNR Rivers Grant.</b> McCaulley reported that the LCD would like to apply for a grant to see what the effects of Birch Lake are on Trout Creek. Sup. Gollon made a motion to authorize applying for the grant. Sup. Parman seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>
16	<p><b>PL-566 “Give Away” Resolution.</b> McCaulley would like to prepare a resolution that would go through the Wisconsin Counties Association legislative process requesting the legislature update the statute to allow municipality’s the ability to transfer ownership of a dam to a landowner. Sup. Gollon made a motion to authorize drafting a resolution. Sup. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>
17	<p><b>Report on S.A. Meeting.</b> McCaulley reported that Chair Bunker, Deb Finkelmeyer &amp; McCaulley attended the Southern Area Spring meeting in Fitchburg.</p>
18	<p><b>Southern Area WLWCA Tour Update.</b> McCaulley reported that at present time we have 48 people signed up to attend the tour. He also reported that several businesses in the area have donated items to give away as door prizes.</p>
19	<p><b>Other Business.</b> McCaulley reported that 6 Military Veterans are planning to serve as mentors to beginning livestock farmers in SW Wisconsin.</p>
20	<p><b>Motion to Set the Next Meeting Date and Adjourn.</b> The next meeting will be on Thursday August 11th, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. at Blackhawk Lake Shelter. Please bring a dish to pass. Sup. Gollon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sup. Parman</p>

	seconded the motion. Motion carried.
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