



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY APRIL 3, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Committee Members Present: Rich Bostwick, Brenton Driscoll, Robert Potter, Alan Sweeney, and James Quade

Committee Members Excused: Stephanie Aegerter, Wes Davis, and Jeremy Zajac

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Mary Kubiak, LCD; and Tom Brien, County Board Member
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Driscoll moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Potter. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2019:** Supervisor Sweeney moved the minutes from the March 6, 2019 LCC meeting, seconded by Supervisor Potter. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Tom Sweeney noted that he and Rick Wietersen, Rock County Public Health gave a groundwater presentation on the Groundwater Nitrate issue and the Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup activities at the recent WLWCA Conference. Tom Sweeney also mentioned that he and Rick Wietersen gave a similar presentation to the WI Land and Water Conservation Board. Tom Sweeney and Rick Wietersen teamed to develop talking points for County Administrator Josh Smith for the upcoming WI Joint Committee on Finance Public Hearing in Janesville. Tom Sweeney asked the best available date for this year's Conservation Practice Tour. It was decided that the best date was June 6, 2019. Tom Sweeney noted that DATCP Secretary Brad Pfaff has been invited and may be in attendance.
Tom Sweeney also mentioned that Clean Sweep events are scheduled for June 22nd in Beloit and August 24 in Janesville. Rick Bostwick mentioned that the Groundwater Nitrate Presentation would be a nice addition to the WCA Conference.
5. **Introduction of Mary Kubiak, Land Conservation Department Clerk III:** Mary Kubiak introduced herself to the committee. A short discussion regarding Mary's background occurred. All Committee Members present welcomed her.
6. **Review Bills Paid:** The committee reviewed the bills paid.
7. **Land and Water Resource Management Program - Approval of 2020 SWRM Grant Application.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the 2020 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Application for 2020 program year. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the application as presented, seconded by Supervisor Potter. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Resolution: Amending 2019 Land Conservation Department Budget for Purchase of a Clerk Work Station:** Tom Sweeney discussed the resolution and the need to update the current work area for the Clerk III. The funding for the purchase will come from outlying account that was used for the now defunct Gypsy Moth Program. Supervisor Quade moved the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Potter. **Motion Carried.**

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9. **Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup Update – Slide Show Presentation.** It was decided by the committee that the full committee should view the presentation and therefore the slide show was postponed until the May 1, 2019 meeting.
10. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements – Update:** Tom Sweeney stated he will be forwarding the three PACE applications to the NRCS early next week. A final review of the application materials needs to be completed. Supervisor Sweeney mentioned that the Town of Dunkirk, Dane County has adopted a PACE program recently. Tom Sweeney he is still waiting for the authorization to close the Hergarten PACE Easement.
11. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Quade moved to adjourn the April 3, 2019 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:05 pm, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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