



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014, 7:15 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 7:16 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Wes Davis, Jason Dowd, Alan Sweeney, Larry Wiedenfeld, Dave Rebut and Rick Richard. Tom Brien arrived at 8:15 pm.

Committee Members Absent: NONE

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD and Andrew Baker, LCD

Others Present: Randy Thompson

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Rebut. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – July 2, 2014:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Rebut. Tom Sweeney provided answers to questions regarding the bills. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Approve Department Fee Schedule for 2015:** Supervisor Richard moved to approve the Fee Schedule for 2015, seconded by Supervisor Dowd. Tom Sweeney noted that the only change from the 2014 fee schedule was in the Animal Waste Management category. No further changes are proposed. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Farmland Preservation Program – Approval of Notices of Non-Compliance:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to approve the notices as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Tom Sweeney presented the notices for Leo Sendelbach, Susan Knudson, and Funk's Farview Acres. **Motion Carried.**

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8. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program:**
 - a) Power Point Presentation. Andrew Baker presented the draft power point presentation which reviewed the program from its inception to its current status. The presentation will be presented to County Board at their August 14th meeting. Discussion occurred as to possible changes and clarifications.
 - b) Review Cash Flow Analysis. Tom Sweeney presented an excel spreadsheet which identifies different funding scenarios.
 - c) Review draft resolution language supporting short and long term funding options. Tom Sweeney presented the draft language for a potential resolution. Discussion centered on the draft language and funding sources.
 - d) Other Updates: Andrew Baker stated the PACE Council meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2014 starting at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the LCD conference room.

9. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Rebut moved to adjourn the August 6, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:57 pm, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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