



**MINUTES**  
**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY; NOVEMBER 2, 2011; 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 7:15 p.m.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Eva Arnold, David Innis, Fred Yoss, James Quade, and Alan Sweeney.  
  
**Committee Members Absent:** Ronald Combs  
  
**Others Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD; Wade Thompson, LCD; Randy Thompson, UWEX
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2011:** Supervisor Yoss motioned to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2011 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Bills / Transfers:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Farmland Preservation Program – Cancellation of Notice of Non-Compliance for John Crull.** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the Cancellation of Non-Compliance for John Crull, seconded by Supervisor Quade. Tom Sweeney explained the reason for the notice of non-compliance and the actions taken by John Crull to correct the issues for the Notice. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Approval of proposed program budget.** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Land and Water Resource Management Program – Approval of Cost Share Agreements:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the proposed cost share agreements for: Eileen Beggs, Well Abandonment; William Clothier, Animal Waste Storage Facility; Emerald Heights, Terraces; Brian & Julie Arnold, Well Abandonment. Supervisor Yoss motioned to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**

9. **WLWCA Conference - Approve Attendance:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve WLWCA Conference attendance by committee members, seconded by Supervisor Innis. A short discussion as to who would attend. It was agreed that Vice Chair Larry Wiedenfeld would attend both conference days, while Alan Sweeney would attend only Friday. **Motion Carried.**
10. **WLWCA /WALCE – Merger Discussion and Possible Action.** Tom Sweeney led a discussion regarding the proposed merger of the two organizations; Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association and the Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to direct Larry Wiedenfeld, via a proxy for Committee Chair Bostwick, to vote in favor of the proposed merger at the WLWCA Conference, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
11. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements – Discussion.** Wade Thompson explained that the 2011 application period has closed and a total of six application will be consider by the PACE council on November 10, 2011. Wade also requested a special LCC meeting to consider the Applications on November 21, 2011. Chair Bostwick set the next meeting of the LCC for November 21, 2011 at 6:00 pm.
12. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney provided an update on Department activities since the last LCC meeting.
13. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to adjourn the November 2, 2011 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Innis. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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