



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012, 5:00 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 5:07 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Eva Arnold, Ronald Combs, David Innis, and James Quade.

Committee Members Excused: Alan Sweeney and Fred Yoss

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD and Wade Thompson, P&D

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Tom Sweeney asked that agenda item #8 be changed from Approval of Commercial Lease with Dan Silha, LLC for Land Conservation Department Office to a discussion item. Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – March 7, 2012:** Supervisor Innis motioned to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2012 Land Conservation Committee meeting as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Bills/Encumbrances:** Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. Tom Sweeney reviewed the Bills. Supervisor Combs requested further information regarding the billing for the Plaza Hotel and Tree Pro. Tom Sweeney answered the questions as follows: The Plaza Hotel is for Tom Sweeney to attend the Spring County Conservationist Meeting in Wausau WI and Tree Pro billing is for Tree Tubes for the Tree Sale which the LCD resells to landowners. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Resolution: Authorizing Option To Purchase Agreements On The Carlson, Phelps, And Anderson Properties By The Rock County Purchase Of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program.** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Wade Thompson distributed a copy of a worksheet that explained all the financial transactions that will occur as part of the resolution, if the USDA-NRCS approves the applications and funds them. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee felt it best to include worksheet in Executive Summary. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Approval of Soil and Water Resource Management Cost Share Agreement for Rock County Board Staff Committee – Well Abandonment.** Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the Cost Share Agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**

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8. **Discussion of Commercial Lease with Dan Silha, LLC for Land Conservation Department Office.** Tom Sweeny discussed the highlights of the proposed lease with Dan Silha, LLC for LCD office space. Tom Sweeney noted that the final agreement terms have not been reached by Rock County Corporation Council and the Silha LLC Attorney.
9. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney provided an update on Department activities since the last LCC Meeting.
10. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to adjourn the April 3, 2012 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 6:07 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Innis. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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