



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY; APRIL 6, 2011; 7:15 PM.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT - CONFERENCE ROOM
USDA SERVICE CENTER
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, Eva Arnold, Ronald Combs, James Quade, and Alan Sweeney.

Committee Members Absent: Larry Wiedenfeld, David Innis and Fred Yoss.

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Wade Thompson, LCD; Richard Newsome, Ann Marie Ames, Tom Boswell, Dave Steinhorst, Sally Steinhorst, Ron Noe, Karbet Sawtelle, Dru Douglas, Rhonda Bliss, and Tim Bliss.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Bostwick stated that the group of individuals which asked to speak under agenda item # 6, Discussion – Rock Prairie Dairy, LLC were at the Board of Health meeting and would be arriving later. Chair Bostwick asked to move agenda item #6 after #10.f. Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – March 2, 2011:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Bills / Transfers:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. Supervisor Sweeney asked why the cost of the Gypsy Moth Suppression Program - spray contract had increased. Tom Sweeney broke down the costs associated with the program. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Discussion – Rock Prairie Dairy, LLC:** This item was moved to after agenda item #10.f.
7. **Resolution: Amending the 2011 Land Conservation Department Budget - Gypsy Moth Suppression Program.** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Approval of the Rock County Gypsy Moth Suppression Grant Agreement 2011.** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the grant agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Farmland Preservation Program – Notice of Non-Participation for Donald and Agnes Brown and Marlene Voshell.** Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the Notices as presented, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**

10. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements:**

- a. **Review and Preliminary Approval of Real Estate Appraisal Services Contract.**
- b. **Review and Preliminary Approval of PACE Appraisal Bid / Quote.**
- c. **Review and Preliminary Approval of PACE Conveyance Agreement Boiler Plate.**
- d. **Review and Approval of Rock County Agricultural Resources Conservation Easement Boiler Plate.**
- e. **Review and Preliminary Approval of Rock County Agricultural Resources Conservation Easement – Offer of Purchase Boiler Plate.**

Wade Thompson distributed a flow chart as to where each of the documents to be discussed would fit into the PACE process. Wade briefly discussed each document and stated that preliminary approval for each document is requested. The LCD is currently working with the Rock County Corporate Council regarding the documents.

Supervisor Combs requested clarification regarding the Easement Document. Wade Thompson answered the questions. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to preliminary approve the following documents pending approval from the Corporate Council: Real Estate Appraisal Services Contract; PACE Appraisal Bid / Quote; PACE Conveyance Agreement Boiler Plate; Rock County Agricultural Resources Conservation Easement Boiler Plate; Rock County Agricultural Resources Conservation Easement – Offer of Purchase Boiler Plate; seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**

- f. **Program Update.** Supervisor Sweeney stated he met with members of the state assembly and senate regarding the preservation of the State PACE program. Supervisor Sweeney stated he also met with the Secretary of DATCP Ben Brancel regarding PACE.

11. **Discussion – Rock Prairie Dairy, LLC:** This item was moved from item 6. Chair Bostwick stated a group of concerned citizens requested an opportunity to discuss the Rock Prairie Dairy LLC proposal with the Land Conservation Committee. A long conversation regarding the many environmental aspects of the dairy proposal were discussed. Tom Sweeney offered the group opportunity to review all documents that were submitted to the LCD as part of the Animal Waste Management Ordinance and the Erosion Control/Storm Water Management Ordinances.

12. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to adjourn the April 6, 2011 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 9:10 pm, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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