



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009, 7:15 P.M.
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, Larry Wiedenfeld, James Quade, Robert Fizzell, Katie Kuznacic, Ronald Combs, Eva Arnold, and Alan Sweeney.

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Fizzell motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – April 1, 2009:** Supervisor Fizzell noted two typographical errors. Supervisor Fizzell motioned to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Bills and Transfers:** Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
5. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
6. **Land and Water Resource Management Plan Update:**
 - A) **Approval of Cost Share Agreements:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the proposed cost share agreements for Marie Doty, Well Abandonment; Donna Luety, Stream Crossing; Tom Hoffman, Stream Crossing; Tom Sayre Farm, Waterway System; and Vincent Bier, Waterway System. Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
 - B) **Approval of 2009 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Contract:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the SWRM Grant contract for 2009. Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the contract as presented, seconded by Supervisor Fizzell. **Motion Carried.**
 - C) **Update on 2010 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Application:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the 2010 SWRM grant application.
7. **Farmland Preservation Program:** Tom Sweeney distributed the annual Farmland Preservation Program participation document developed by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. Tom Sweeney noted that the information presented on this document is based on tax year 2007.

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8. **Purchase of Development Rights Program.**
 - A) **Ad Hoc Committee Membership:** Tom Sweeney distributed a list of proposed members to be appointed to the PDR Ad Hoc Committee. The PDR Vision Workgroup developed the list of positions and individuals to the LCC to be included in a Resolution to be forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors. Tom Sweeney will meet with Administration to finalize the Resolution to Appoint the Ad Hoc Committee. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the list, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
 - B) **Program Update:** Supervisor Sweeney handed out a document entitled Rock County Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) / Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) Ad Hoc Committee Vision & Mission. This document was developed by the PDR Vision Workgroup and will be included in the resolution to appoint the Ad Hoc Committee. A short discussion ensued and the document will be sent back to the PDR Vision Workgroup for a few minor changes.

9. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – Approval of 15-Year Agreement for Robert Jones.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the CREP Agreement for Robert Jones. Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**

10. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the department activities since the last LCC Meeting.

11. **Schedule LCC Summer Tour:** The 2009 LCC Tour has been scheduled for Thursday June 18, 2009. A tour itinerary will be developed for the next LCC Meeting.

12. **Adjournment:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to adjourn the May 6, 2009 meeting of the Land Conservation Committee at 8:22p.m., seconded by Supervisor Fizzell. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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