



**ROCK COUNTY PACE COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011 – 10:00 A.M.  
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM  
440 N US HWY 14  
JANESVILLE WI**

**MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Jones, John Lader, Alan Sweeney, Romona Flanigan, Fred Hookham, Duane Cherek, and Dave Rebut.

OTHERS PRESENT: Wade Thompson and Tom Sweeney

- 1) Call to Order: Chair Sweeney called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
- 2) Adoption of Agenda: Lader motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Rebut. Motion Carried.
- 3) Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: None
- 4) Summary and overview of recent Rock County PACE Program activities: Thompson provided a summary and overview of the recent program activities. This was accomplished with handout and a slide presentation.
- 5) Review PACE applications submitted and recommend approval or denial to Rock County Land Conservation Committee: Thompson stated he would like to review the two applications that were submitted in 2010 for the PACE Program. The two applications were Krajeck and Carlson. Thompson noted that the applications were not processed by NRCS due to an application deadline issue and the landowners were ok with the year delay. Thompson noted that no changes have occurred regarding these applications.

Jones asked about the donation requirement as part of the program. Thompson reviewed the NRCS FRPP program guidelines as they relate to donations by landowners. Flanigan asked Thompson if last years applicants are ok with the donation requirements. Thompson stated he spoke with them and they are ok.

At this point Thompson started the review of the new applications for the 2011-12 program. Thompson noted that easement estimates are based on easements from other counties.

Chair Sweeney stated that the Council must be aware that there will be other expenses for each application. Thompson reviewed these costs, which include appraisals and the establishment of escrow that is estimated to be approximately

\$6,000. Thompson also noted he would have an aerial slide of the parcels include in each application.

Phelps Property - Rock County tax parcel numbers 6-20-100, 6-20-101.1, and 6-20-104A, Sections 12 and 13, Township 4N, Range 10E, Town of Union (approximately 207 acres): Thompson stated the Phelps application included three parcels. Thompson distributed the review and evaluation form for this application and discussed its merits.

Anderson Property - Rock County tax parcel number 6-11-120, Section 17, Township 4N, Range 14E, Town of Lima (approximately 83 acres): Thompson reviewed the Anderson application and distributed the review and evaluation form for this application. Thompson noted that that this application ranked high due to proximity to open space.

Francis Property - Rock County tax parcel number 6-20-162, Section 20, Township 4N, Range 10E, Town of Union (approximately 119 acres): Thompson reviewed the Francis application and distributed the review and evaluation form for this application. Thompson noted that the City of Evansville approved the application.

Vanthournout Property - Rock County tax parcel number 6-20-103, Section 13, Township 4N, Range 10E, Town of Union (approximately 154 acres): Thompson reviewed the Vanthournout application and distributed the review and evaluation form for this application. Thompson noted the Vanthournout requested that the northwest corner of property not be included in this application. Flanigan asked for an opinion from Thompson if the corner is in or out of the application. Thompson stated out. Jones stated that this would create a land locked parcel and he should be made aware of the issue.

At this point in the meeting Thompson distributed a program Application summary for all Applications and turned over to the Council for consideration.

Chair Sweeney stated he would like to have the council review and act on each application. Action considered would be to forward the applications to the Land Conservation Committee for their consideration.

Chair Sweeney brought the Krajeck application to the floor for consideration. Jones motioned to approve the application, seconded by Lader. Motion Carried.

Chair Sweeney brought the Carlson application to the floor for consideration. Rebut motioned to approve the application, seconded by Lader. Motion Carried.

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Chair Sweeney brought the Phelps application to the floor for consideration. Hookham motioned to approve the application, seconded by Jones. Motion Carried.

Chair Sweeney brought the Anderson application to the floor for consideration. Lader motioned to approve the application, seconded by Hookham. Motion Carried.

Chair Sweeney brought the Francis application to the floor for consideration. Lader motioned to table the application so staff had an opportunity to discuss the identified issues with the landowner, seconded by Rebut. Motion Carried.

Chair Sweeney brought the Vanthournout application to the floor for consideration. Jones motioned to table the application so staff had an opportunity to discuss the identified issues with the landowner, seconded by Rebut. Motion Carried.

Chair Sweeney thanked the Council for their time and asked if there were any closing remarks.

- 6) Future Meeting Date – No date was set by the Council As Needed.
- 7) Flanigan motioned to Adjourn the PACE Council meeting at 12:00 pm, seconded by Cherek. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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