



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY MARCH 1, 2017, 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 7:20 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Brenton Driscoll, Kara Hawes, James Quade, Alan Sweeney, and Jeremy Zajac.

Committee Members Absent: Anders Dowd

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney

Others Present: Tom Brien
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2017:** Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Supervisor Davis noted he attended the Agriculture Community Engagement meeting held in Wisconsin Dells February 21, 2017. High Capacity wells and Animal Waste was the highlights of the meeting. Discovery Farms will hold a meeting on March 23rd regarding Nitrates in Groundwater. This meeting will be held the Jefferson County UWEX Building.
5. **Review of Bills paid.** Bills Paid were presented.
6. **Approval of the Wisconsin Clean Sweep Grant Contract.** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the Clean Sweep Contract as presented for the 2017 program year, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Land and Water Resource Management Program – Approval of Cost Share Agreement for Riesterer Bros. Farms – Three Well Abandonments.** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the Agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Farmland Preservation Program – Notice of Non Compliance for George Andrew and Andrew Maple Grove Farms.** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the notices as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. Tom Sweeney noted the Andrew Farm is in Compliance with the standards for FPP but requested to be removed from the program. Supervisor Sweeney expressed concern. No further discussion. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Groundwater Quality – Next Step(s):** Tom Sweeney provided an update regarding the Groundwater Quality Workgroup that is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7th. Conference Room N-1 has been reserved.

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10. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program Update.** Tom Sweeney stated he has information from the State USDA-NRCS office regarding the applications submitted for the ALE funding. Rock County was not selected for funding in 2017. Tom stated he has been working on the Easements for Gary Kraus, Larry Oberdeck, Oberdeck Farms, and Alvin Francis. Tom Sweeney stated he hopes to close these easements by early May 2017.
11. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Zajac moved to adjourn the March 1, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:25 pm, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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