



MINUTES

ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3, 2018, 7:15 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick asked Vice Chair Sweeney to run the meeting due to Chair Bostwick losing his voice. Vice Chair Sweeney agreed and called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 7:23 p.m.

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

Committee Members Excused: None.

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD and Tom Brien
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Vice Chair Sweeney asked if any changes were needed to the agenda. Tom Sweeney stated that no changes were needed. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – December 6, 2017:** Chair Bostwick moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Supervisor Aegerter reminded the Committee that the Janesville Winter Farmers Market will be held this Saturday. Tom Sweeney provided a short update regarding the fall county conservationist meeting.
5. **Review Bills Paid.** Bills Paid were presented to the committee.
6. **Semi Annual Report – Attendance at Conferences and Conventions:** Tom Sweeney distributed a memorandum which states the staff from the Land Conservation Department did not attend any conference or meeting that exceeded \$1,000 in cost or traveled out of State for a meeting.
7. **Farmland Preservation Program - Approve Voluntary Withdraw for Lydia Osterbur Living Trust:** Supervisor Quade moved to approve the Voluntary Withdraw request for Lydia Osterbur Living Trust, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Resolution: Approval to Begin Acquisition Process For Selected 2017 PACE Program Applications (Non-Federally Funded):** Chair Bostwick moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. Tom Sweeney stated that the resolution is to begin the purchase process for an Agricultural Conservation Easement on the Donna Morgan property. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Resolution: Approval to Begin Acquisition Process For Selected 2017 PACE Program Applications (Federally Funded):** Supervisor Quade moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. Tom Sweeney stated that the resolution is to begin the purchase process for an Agricultural Conservation Easement through the Federal ACEP-ALE program on the Hargarten property. **Motion Carried.**

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10. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program Update:** Tom Sweeney updated the committee on activities since the last committee meeting. Tom Sweeney highlighted the Lux/Pulera and the McNall Living Trust easement closings are scheduled for January 19, 2018. Also of interest the application to the USDA-NRCS for the Hargarten easement is set for January 11, 2018.
11. **Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup Update:** Tom Sweeney provided the committee with an update as to the status of the Workgroup. Tom Sweeney also informed the LCC of the next scheduled meeting set for January 22, 2018.
12. **Adjourn:** Chair Bostwick moved to adjourn the January 3, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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