



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014, 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 7:15 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Tom Brien, Wes Davis, Jason Dowd, Alan Sweeney, and Larry Wiedenfeld.

Committee Members Excused: Dave Rebout and Rick Richard

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Andrew Baker, LCD

Others Present: Terry Foster, John Deere Project Representative; Jeremy Zajac, County Board Supervisor
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Dowd. **Motion Carried.**
- 3. Approval of Minutes – October 15, 2014:** Supervisor Dowd moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
- 4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Chair Bostwick stated that Supervisor Zajac will be assuming the position of Supervisor Richard on the Land Conservation Committee.
- 5. Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
- 6. Erosion Control Storm Water Management – Waiver request from Deere & Company for the John Deere CCDC Outdoor Storage Expansion located at 2900 Beloit Ave.** Andrew Baker presented an overview of the waiver request by John Deere, aka Deere & Company. Terry Foster was introduced by Baker as the project engineer for the project. Foster stated that the project commenced prior to the City Council approving the annexation request. Supervisor Sweeney asked if all appropriate erosion control Storm Water Management BMPs were installed. All applicable practices are installed. An explanation of the project was provided by Mr. Foster. The committee debated the annexation delay verses the waiver request. After the discussion was completed, Chair Bostwick stated he would entertain a motion. Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved that the waiver be approved subject to the annexation process being completed by December 31, 2014, Supervisor Brien seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

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7. **Land and Water Resource Management Program**
 - a. **Cost Share Funds Transfer Agreement:** Tom Sweeney presented a Cost Share Transfer Agreement. The agreement would move \$4,000.00 of State Cost Share Funds from Forest County to Rock County. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the transfer agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Dowd. **Motion Carried.**
 - b. **Approval of Cost Share Agreements:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the cost share agreements for Dennis Wellnitz Trust, Waterway System; Jason Henschler, Waterway System; and Tartan Farm Corp, Waterway System. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the Cost Share Agreements as presented, seconded by Chair Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Discussion and Possible Action: Enbridge's proposal to increase flow rates for Pipeline 61 and the need for an updated Environmental Impact Statement.** Chair Bostwick stated that at the last meeting, he asked Supervisors to develop additional questions regarding the Enbridge Pipeline 61 Issue. Supervisor Brien requested further clarification regarding Enbridge's claim that it pays \$21 million to the state in 2012 for taxes. Supervisor Wiedenfeld stated that he believes this goes to the general fund of the state and that the Towns, County and State should benefit from the payments. Supervisor Davis requested additional information regarding grant fund availability from Enbridge for the County PACE Program and First Responder Training. Tom Sweeney stated he searched this issue and there are online applications available for First Responder Training, but will call Ms. Becky Haase for clarification. Tom Sweeney distributed a copy of a draft resolution. The committee read the resolution and discussed. Tom Sweeney stated that the Board of Health may want to co-sponsor. A final resolution will be forwarded for Administrative review for consideration at the December LCC meeting. Supervisor Sweeney stated he is in support of a resolution calling for a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this or future projects. Supervisor Davis stated he is in favor a resolution also. Chair Bostwick stated he would like clarification as to the distance that a control value is sited from an Environmental Sensitive area.
9. **Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) – Program Update.** Andrew Baker stated the Mary Carlson easement was closed in October. The Mike Plankey easement has been accepted by NRCS. Also, Baker noted he is working with an appraiser to reduce the rate for bundling 4 easement appraisals. Tom Sweeney stated he had a conversation with DNR Wildlife Biologist Brian Buenzow about the use of stewardship funds as an alternative source for PACE easement purchases. This meeting led to an additional meeting with Buenzow and Mike Foy. The DNR is very interested in developing a partnership regarding easements.
10. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Dowd moved to adjourn the November 3, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:26 pm, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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