



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY MARCH 6, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Committee Members Present: Stephanie Aegerter, Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Robert Potter, Alan Sweeney, and Jeremy Zajac.

Committee Members Excused: Brenton Driscoll and James Quade

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Chris Murphy, LCD; Norm Tadt, LCD; and Tom Brien, County Board Member
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Potter. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – February 6, 2019:** Supervisor Sweeney moved the minutes from the February 6, 2019 LCC meeting, seconded by Supervisor Potter. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Tom Sweeney noted that an offer was tendered to fill the current opening for the Clerk Typist III position. Mary Kubiak has accepted the position and will start employment on March 25, 2019. Tom Sweeney passed out a copy of a WLWCA Floor Resolution that will be discussed and voted on at the annual WLWCA Conference business meeting on March 15, 2019. Supervisor Davis noted a news article regarding groundwater nitrates and a potential link to a child's birth defects and death. Chair Bostwick asked all present at the meeting to support an educational program he is involved with, a pancake breakfast will be held in Ft. Atkinson as a fundraiser. For further information, Chair Bostwick will be available after this meeting was adjourned.
5. **Review Bills Paid:** The committee reviewed the bills paid.
6. **Land and Water Resource Management Program – Approve Cost Share Agreements.** Tom Sweeney stated the cost share agreements being considered are itemized on the spreadsheet in the agenda packet. One well abandonment agreement and numerous nutrient management cost share agreements were presented. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the cost share agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Erosion Control/Stormwater Management Program – Approval of 6 Month Extensions for Permit Numbers EC-2017-17, EC-2017-18, EC-2017-21, and ESCW 2018-5.** Chris Murphy explained each requested extension. Chair Bostwick asked about issues in the past regarding the extension requests for permit numbers EC-2017-17, EC-2017-18, and EC-2017-21 which are seeking a second extension. Chris Murphy explained the delays for each site. Supervisor Zajac moved approve the extension requests as approved, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements – Update:** NRCS has established an April 15, 2019 as the deadline for new applications regarding the ACEP-ALE program. All applications are ready for submittal. Tom Sweeney stated that the Hargarten Easement should be ready to close at the end of March or early April, 2019.
- 9 **Groundwater Nitrate Pilot Project.** Tom Sweeney provided an update on activates of the Nitrate workgroup. Rick Wietersen and I will be presenting a program at the WLWCA Conference. The next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2019 at 8:00 am Land Conservation Conference Room. An alternative date was set for June 3, 2019 same time and location.
10. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Potter moved to adjourn the March 6, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 7:47pm, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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