



## MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 7, 2017, 7:15 P.M.  
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
440 N US HWY 14  
JANESVILLE WI**

1. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair Sweeney called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 7:15 p.m.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Wes Davis, Brenton Driscoll, Kara Hawes, James Quade, and Alan Sweeney.  
  
**Committee Members Excused:** Rich Bostwick and Jeremy Zajac.  
  
**Staff Present:** Tom Sweeney
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – May 5, 2017:** Supervisor Hawes moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Tom Sweeney stated that the quasit building at the County Farm is near the end of its life. The LCD staff made significant repairs to the buildings structure in the past and continues to monitor the structure integrity. Tom Sweeney forwarded information to UWEX Agent Nick Baker regarding the costs of the building replacement. Mr. Baker will submit a Capital Improvement Project request for consideration in the 2018 budget. Tom Sweeney distributed copies of the Clean Sweep brochure for the 2017 program.
5. **Review of Bills paid.** Bills Paid were presented.
6. **Review First Quarter Spending Report.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the report as presented.
7. **Land and Water Resource Management Program**
  - A. **Approval of Cost Share Agreements:** Tom Sweeney presented a cost share agreement for Q and M Farms, INC for a Waterway and Diversion Project. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the Cost Share Agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**
  - B. **Approve Master Grant Contract between DATCP and Rock County:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the Grant Contract and identified the changes. The contract also included the addendum for the 2017 Staffing and Support funding. Supervisor Quade moved the grant contract as presented, seconded by Supervisor Haws. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Groundwater Quality Workgroup Update:** Tom Sweeney noted that the workgroup's activities may proceed after County Board resolved this standing issues. The group will commence meetings in July 2017.

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9. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program:**
  - A. **Approve Real Estate Appraisal Contracts for Lux/Pulera Property and McNall Property:** Tom Sweeney presented the Contracts. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the contract as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
  - B. **Program Update:** Tom Sweeney stated he will begin the closing of the 2016 PACE Easement this month. Also, he has been asked by the County Board Chair to make a presentation to the County Board about the programs fundamentals.
10. **LCC Spring Conservation Tour June 29<sup>th</sup> Update.** Tom Sweeney provided the update stating the tour will be conducted primarily in the Southeast quadrant of the County.
11. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Davis moved to adjourn the June 7, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:01 pm, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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