



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY JULY 3, 2018, 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 7:06 pm.

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

Committee Members Excused: Brenton Driscoll and Robert Potter

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Josh Smith, County Administrator, Tom Brien, County Board Member, Kara Hawes County Board Member.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Bostwick asked if any changes were needed to the agenda. Tom Sweeney stated agenda item #5 should be deleted. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – June 6 and June 15, 2018:** Supervisor Quade moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2018 and June 15, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meetings as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Supervisor Davis thanked the LCD for a great Conservation practice Tour and noted the upcoming Rock County Farm Bureau Chapters Focus on Ag event, scheduled for July 12, 2018 being held at the Skelly Farm.
5. **Bills Over \$10,000 and Review Bills Paid. This item was deleted from the agenda.**
6. **Semi Annual Report – Attendance at Conventions/Conferences.** Tom Sweeney stated that no staff from the LCD attended a conference or training out of state or that exceeded \$1,000 in costs.
7. **Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Program – Extension Request for Permit ECSW-2017-13 Agrecol Building and Parking Lot.** Tom Sweeney presented the background information regarding the Erosion Control and Stormwater Permit extension request filed by Agrecol. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the extension as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program - Update.** Tom Sweeney presented an update on the PACE program. Of note was the appraisals for the two 2017/18 program year should be completed by July 17, 2018. Tom Sweeney reviewed the number of potential applicants for the 2018/19 program year. Also Tom Sweeney discussed DATCP's interest in reactivating the state PACE program.
9. **Land Conservation Committee Tour Review.** Tom Sweeney stated that this agenda item is for the LCD to receive comments regarding the Conservation Practice Tour. Need a four wheel drive vehicle. See a better mix of Agriculture/Stormwater practices such as stopping by a CAFO. Also, due to logistics, we were not able to view sampling of a monitoring well. Like to see this.

10. **Executive Session** per Section 19.85(1)(c) – Performance Evaluation of County Conservationist. Supervisor Davis moved to enter a closed session for the County Conservationist's Performance Evaluation. Supervisor Davis moved to enter the closed session at 7:36 pm, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. All Supervisor in attendance voted yah. Supervisor Sweeney moved to exit the closed session at 7:54 pm, seconded by Supervisor Davis. Motion Carried.
11. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Zajac moved to adjourn the July 3, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 7:54 pm, seconded by Supervisor Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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