



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2017, 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 7:17 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.

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – October 4, 2017:** Supervisor Driscoll moved to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Supervisor Aegerter stated the Janesville Farmers Market will be hosting a winter market on the first Saturday of each month from 9 am until 1 pm to be held at St. Johns Lutheran Church.
5. **Review Bills Paid.** Bills Paid were presented to the committee.
6. **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Approve County/DNR/USDA Proposed Budget.** Tom Sweeney stated this item was discussed last month but no action was taken. Tom Sweeney presented the budget. Supervisor Quade moved to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – Approve 15 Year Agreement.** Tom Sweeney presented the 15 year CREP agreement for Danny Reed located in Porter Township. Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Land and Water Resource Management Program.**
 - A. **Approve Agreements:** Tom Sweeney distributed a spreadsheet identifying the agreements needing approval. Tom Sweeney reviewed the agreements. Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**
 - B. **Approval of SEG Transfer from Kenosha County:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the transfer request. This money will be allocated to the county's nutrient management efforts. Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the transfer request, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**

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9. **Groundwater Nitrate Initiative Workgroup – Update.** Tom Sweeney provided the committee with an update as to the status of the Workgroup. Of note, the Health Department will be reviewing well construction data for potential pilot areas and Land Conservation will be reviewing cooperator program participation in the same areas. Tom Sweeney also informed the LCC of the next scheduled meeting.
10. **Resolution – Extending the Deadline for the Workgroup to Study the High Nitrate Levels in Rock County’s Groundwater.** Supervisor Hawes moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. A short discussion regarding the resolution occurred. **Motion Carried.**
11. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program Update.** Tom Sweeney provided the committee with an update on the program. Tom Sweeney stated the office has received five applications for the 2017-18 program year. Closing on the McNall and Lux/Pulera easements will occur in early 2018.
12. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Davis moved to adjourn the November 1, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:08 pm, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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