

**NOTE: Date
and Time**



**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014, 6:00 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI**

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes – January 7, 2014.
4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.
5. Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances.
6. Clean Sweep Program - Approval of 2014 Contract.

7. Land and Water Resource Management Program
 - A) Approval of Cost Share Agreements.
 - B) Approval - Five Year Extension Request for LWRM Plan.
8. Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program
 - A) Resolution: Finalizing Purchase of the Morton Agricultural Conservation Easement.
 - B) Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program – Approval of Real Estate Appraisal Services Contracts for the Mary Carlson application.
 - C) Program Update.

9. Department Update.
10. Adjourn.

2013... 01/29/2014

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Inv Date	Vendor Name	Inv/Enc Amt
62-6280-0000-64928	COST SHARING	P1303989	12/20/2013	KEISLER,ROY	207.90
	Budget	YTD Exp	YTD Enc	Pending	Closing Balance
	105,000.00	107,338.12	0.00	207.90	(2,546.02)
LWC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROG TOTAL				207.90	
62-6350-0000-62101	APPRAISAL FEES	P1303948	11/25/2013	PRECISION APPRAISAL & REAL EST	437.50
	Budget	YTD Exp	YTD Enc	Pending	Closing Balance
	6,200.00	3,812.50	0.00	437.50	1,950.00
PDR/PACE PROG TOTAL				437.50	

I have examined the preceding bills and encumbrances in the total amount of **\$645.40**
 Claims covering the items are proper and have been previously funded. These items are to be treated as follows:
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Committee Chair _____

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Inv Date	Vendor Name	Inv/Enc Amt
62-6200-0000-63200	PUBL/SUBCR/DUES				
		P1400743	01/01/2014	WLWCA	1,814.00
		P1400786	01/08/2014	SOUTHERN AREA ASSOCIATION	125.00
		P1400989	01/22/2014	WISCONSIN FARM BUREAU FOUNDAT	53.00
	Budget	YTD Exp	YTD Enc	Pending	Closing Balance
	2,064.00	0.00	0.00	1,992.00	72.00
62-6200-0000-64200	TRAINING EXP				
ENC		R1401098	01/22/2014	WLWCA	720.00
	Budget	YTD Exp	YTD Enc	Pending	Closing Balance
	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	720.00	1,280.00
62-6200-0000-64201	CONVENTION EXP				
ENC		R1401098	01/22/2014	WLWCA	250.00
	Budget	YTD Exp	YTD Enc	Pending	Closing Balance
	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	750.00
LAND CONSERVATION PROG TOTAL				2,962.00	

I have examined the preceding bills and encumbrances in the total amount of **\$2,962.00**
 Claims covering the items are proper and have been previously funded. These items are to be treated as follows:
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

LAND CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE
INITIATED BY



THOMAS SWEENEY
DRAFTED BY

LAND CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED BY _____

JANUARY 15, 2014
DATE DRAFTED

FINALIZING PURCHASE OF THE MORTON AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT

WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors officially approved the Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program and adopted the document entitled Rock County PACE Program Manual, identifying and outlining all aspects of Program development and implementation, on January 13, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, a PACE application was submitted by Mr. Archie Morton Jr. to the Land Conservation Department (LCD) in 2013 for one hundred and sixty one (161) acres of real property located in part of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 13 East, La Prairie Township, Rock County Tax Parcel Number 6-10-95, and part of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 13 East, Harmony Township, Rock County Tax Parcel Number 6-7-387, (Morton Property); and,

WHEREAS, the application was recommended for approval by LCD and the PACE Council, approved by the LCC and County Board in accordance with the Rock County PACE Program Manual and approved for partial funding by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); and,

WHEREAS, the PACE program and the NRCS Farm and Ranchland Preservation Program (FRPP) require that easement appraisals be completed by a State of Wisconsin Certified General Appraiser and meet the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP); and,

WHEREAS, the purchase price of the easement was determined with the aforementioned methodology and the appraisal valuations have been approved by the NRCS; and,

WHEREAS, the LCD worked closely with the NRCS staff to secure the NRCS-FRPP funding for said easement purchase and will receive said funding at time of the easement closing(s); and,

WHEREAS, each party to PACE are required to have financial interests as follows; Landowner will donate thirty three percent (33%) of the easement value, the County will contribute seventeen percent (17%) of the easement value, totaling \$76,160 and the NRCS will contribute fifty percent (50%) of the easement value, totaling \$224,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2014, do by enactment of this Resolution approve the purchase of the Agricultural Conservation Easement on the Morton Property, accepts the NRCS-FRPP Funding, and authorizes the LCD to undertake final necessary activities identified therein and obligate all necessary funds to complete said activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board Chair and/or the County Clerk will act as the County's agent(s) for closing of said easements.

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Respectfully submitted:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Richard Bostwick, Chair

Larry Wiedenfeld, Vice Chair

Eva Arnold

Edwin Nash

Norvain Pleasant Jr.

Alan Sweeney

Fred Yoss

FISCAL NOTE:

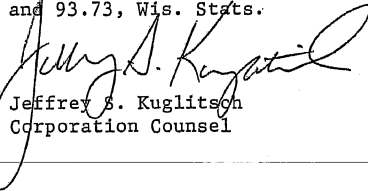
This resolution approves the purchase of the listed easement. Sufficient funds are available in the PDR/PACE account for the County's portion.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51 and 93.73, Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This resolution authorizes the Land Conservation Department (LCD) to finalize acquisition of the Agricultural Conservation Easement under the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (PACE) for the Morton Property, which is described as follows:

One hundred and sixty one (161) acres of real property located in part of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 13 East, La Prairie Township, Rock County Tax Parcel Number 6-10-95, and part of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 13 East, Harmony Township, Rock County Tax Parcel Number 6-7-387.

Acquisition of easements such as this is intended to protect and preserve productive agricultural lands in Rock County, encouraging and promoting the goals of a strong agricultural economy and community identity, intergovernmental cooperation, and a regional land use vision throughout the County.

The value of the Easement was determined by a qualified Real Estate Appraiser and reviewed by a third-party review appraiser, as per USDA-NRCS program guidelines.

If this resolution is approved, the LCD will complete the Easement acquisition process on the Morton Property, and submit Easement funding reimbursement documentation to the USDA-Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program. Acquisition of the easements by Rock County is contingent upon funding from the USDA.