



**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY JULY 3, 2019 7:00 P.M.  
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
440 N US HWY 14  
JANESVILLE WI**

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**AGENDA**

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes – June 5, 2019 and June 6, 2019.
4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.
5. Review Bills Paid.
6. Resolution: Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project.
7. Land and Water Resource Management Program – Approve Cost Share Agreement for Rock-Porter LLC Two Well Abandonments.
8. Erosion Control Storm Water Program – Permit Extension Request for Permit Number ECSW-2018-7; Brimstone, LLC.
9. Semi-Annual Report – Attendance at Conventions/Conferences.
10. Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup - Update.
11. Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program - Update.
12. Adjourn.



## MINUTES

ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 5, 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 7:07 pm.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Stephanie Aegerter, Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Brenton Driscoll, Robert Potter, Alan Sweeney, James Quade, and Jeremy Zajac  
  
**Committee Members Excused:** None  
  
**Others Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD and Tom Brien, County Board Supervisor.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – May 1, 2019:** Supervisor Driscoll moved the minutes from the April 3, 2019 LCC meeting, seconded by Supervisor Potter. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Supervisor Davis noted a program in Jefferson County that will be held on June 18, 2019 from 4-8 pm. The Committee viewed the Clerks work area.
5. **Review Bills Paid:** The committee reviewed the bills paid. No comments were made.
6. **Land and Water Resource Management Program – this was struck from the agenda due to lack of business.**
  - a. **Approve Cost Share Agreements:** Tom Sweeney presented the cost share agreements needing approval. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the cost share agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup:**
  - a. **Power Point Presentation:** Due to a technical issue with the projector, the Power Point Presentation was not presented.
  - b. **Groundwater Task Force Presentation:** Tom Sweeney noted that Rick Wieterson and he gave this power point presentation to the Speaker's Water Quality Task Force. Both Supervisors Davis and Aegerter noted that the presentation was very well done.
  - c. **USDA-NRCS Grant Application:** Tom Sweeney noted that a staffing grant application was submitted to USDA-NRCS. The grant is three fold in nature, the first component is to assist with the development of 9KE plans for the Groundwater Project Area, the second is to assist with staff changes in USDA-NRCS and the third is to help reduce or eliminate the back log in the EQIP program.

8. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements:**
  - a. **Status of Hargarten Easement:** Tom Sweeney stated the Hargarten Easement was closed on May 14, 2019. Reimbursement process will commence.
  - b. **Status of 2019 ACEP-ALE Applications:** No new information is available.
  - c. **Set dates for the 2020 PACE Application Cycle:** Tom Sweeney stated a press release was issued with the end date for our PACE Program slated for August 31, 2019. Supervisor Sweeney moved to set the application period from June 1, 2019 until August 31, 2019, seconded Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
9. **LCC Conservation Practice Tour Itinerary:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the Practice Tour Itinerary and noted due to the weather, some stops made be shortened due to accessibility.
10. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Zajac moved to adjourn the June 5, 2019 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:14 pm, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2018, 9:00 AM.  
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
440 N US HWY 14  
JANESVILLE WI  
MINUTES**

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1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 9:16 a.m.  
  
**Committee Members Present:** Stephanie Aegerter, Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Brenton Driscoll, James Quade, and Alan Sweeney.  
  
**Committee Members Excused:** Robert Potter and Jeremy Zajac  
  
**Others Present:** Tom Brien, County Board Supervisor  
  
**Staff Present:** Tom Sweeney, Chris Murphy, Norm Tadt, Anne Miller, Mary Kubiak, Ashley Roscoe and Rachel Trzebiatowski.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Driscoll moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Supervisor Davis noted the meeting he mentioned at last night's Committee Meeting will be held at the Brattset Farm. Norm Tadt introduced Ashley Roscoe as the summer intern working on the comprehensive culvert inventory. Rachel Trzebiatowski introduced herself as the new Soil Conservationist for the USDA-NRCS.
4. **Leave Land Conservation Office Building. 9:30 am.** The committee left the building at 9:33 am.
5. **Conduct Conservation Tour refer to attached Itinerary.** The Conservation Practice tour was conducted in accordance with the Itinerary.
6. **Return to Land Conservation Office Building.** The Committee returned to the building at 3:21 p.m.
7. **Adjourn.** Supervisor Sweeney moved to adjourn the June 6, 2019 Land Conservation Committee Meeting at 3:23, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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**COMMITTEE REVIEW REPORT  
WITH DESCRIPTION  
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2019**

06/27/2019

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Check Date	Vendor Name	Description	Inv/Enc Amt
62-6200-0000-63100	OFC SUPP & EXP					
		P1900588	06/20/2019	US BANK	2019 STAPLES & AMAZON OFF SUP	22.28
62-6200-0000-64319	TREE PURCHASE					
		P1900576	06/27/2019	LAURAS LANE NURSERY	2019 EVERGREEN TREE ORDER	4,016.00
62-6200-0000-65321	BLDG/OFC LEASE					
		P1900578	06/20/2019	SILHA LLC,DAN	2019 OFFICE RENT JUL-SEPT	3,900.00
<b>LAND CONSERVATION PROG TOTAL</b>						<b>7,938.28</b>
62-6280-0000-64928	COST SHARING					
		P1901677	06/13/2019	PICKEL,MICHAEL P	CRITICAL AREA STABILIZATION AT	3,271.89
		P1901749	06/27/2019	JOHNSON,DANIEL D	LR-035.18 NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT	9,004.00
<b>LWC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROG TOTAL</b>						<b>12,275.89</b>
62-6300-0000-64918	MARKETING					
		P1901751	06/27/2019	ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING LLC	2019 CLEAN SWEEP AD	124.32
		P1901752	06/27/2019	EDGERTON REPORTER CORP, THE	2019 CLEAN SWEEP AD	243.75
<b>HOUSEHOLD CLEAN SWEEP PROG TOTAL</b>						<b>368.07</b>
62-6350-0000-62101	APPRAISAL FEES					
		P1901675	06/13/2019	PRECISION APPRAISAL AND REAL E	IRS CONSERVATION EASEMENT	3,500.00
62-6350-0000-67502	EASEMENTS					
		P1901652	06/06/2019	BRABAZON TITLE TEAM GROUP LLC	POLICY PREMIUM FOR OWNERS	46.00
<b>PDR/PACE PROG TOTAL</b>						<b>3,546.00</b>

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I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total amount of **\$24,128.24**

Date:

Dept Head \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AGENDA NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Land Conservation Committee  
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney  
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

June 19, 2019  
DATE DRAFTED

**Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Yahara Watershed Improvement Network (Yahara WINs) approached the Land
- 2 Conservation Department (LCD) in 2016 to discuss the merits of developing a partnership for the
- 3 Adaptive Management Program for Rock County's portion of the Yahara River Watershed; and,
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, Adaptive Management Projects allows municipalities to implement phosphorus reducing
- 6 projects within the watershed in lieu of making very expensive upgrades to their wastewater treatment
- 7 facilities while meeting water quality goals for phosphorus. The most cost effective projects for
- 8 phosphorus reduction can be found in the implementation of best management practices within the
- 9 agricultural sector; and,
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- 11 **WHEREAS**, through many discussions with Yahara WINs management and Land Conservation
- 12 Department (LCD) staff a service agreement was developed, outlining all requirements for the
- 13 programs goals and expectations for both parties, more specifically the agreement requires Yahara
- 14 WINs to reimburse Rock County for all costs associated with the implementation of phosphorus runoff
- 15 abatement best management practices and associated costs for staff and support for said project on a
- 16 dollar for dollar basis; and,
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- 18 **WHEREAS**, the Service Agreement was entered into by the Land Conservation Committee (LCC) and
- 19 Yahara WINs in early 2017, which allowed the LCD to commence with the implementation phase of the
- 20 Adaptive Management Project in Rock County's portion of the Yahara River Watershed; and,
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- 22 **WHEREAS**, since early 2017, LCD staff has engaged landowners who expressed interest in program
- 23 participation, which has resulted in best management practice installation agreements to be initiated by
- 24 the land owners and the LCC; and,
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- 26 **WHEREAS**, in some instances the BMP costs will exceed the Rock County's set financial thresholds
- 27 which require additional approvals by the Finance Committee and County Board of Supervisors; and,
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- 29 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Best Management Practice Installation Agreement WINS-01.17 will
- 30 exceed the aforesaid thresholds to provide funding for the establishment of a water quality harvestable
- 31 buffer system in the Yahara River Watershed. The mentioned agreement is based on an incentive
- 32 payment which requires the landowner to operate and maintain the BMP system for a period of fifteen
- 33 years.
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- 35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 36 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, approves the incentive payments for Rock County Best
- 37 Management Practice Installation Agreements WINS-01.17 in the sum of \$30,375; WINS-01.18 in the
- 38 sum of \$21,600; WINS-02.18 in the sum of \$12,150; WINS 03.18 in the sum of \$10,125; WINS 04-18 in
- 39 the sum of \$14,850 and WINS 05.18 in the sum of \$16,500.

Respectfully submitted,

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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Richard Bostwick, Chair

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Alan Sweeney, Vice Chair

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Stephanie Aegerter

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Wes Davis

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Brenton Driscoll

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Robert Potter

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James Quade, USDA-FSA Representative

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Jeremy Zajac

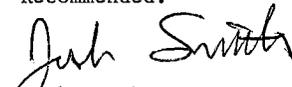
FISCAL NOTE:

The increase in the amount of incentive payments will be fully reimbursed by Yahara WINS. No County funds are required.

  
Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

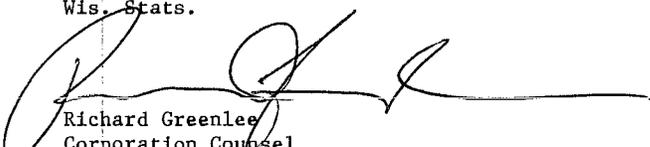
ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

  
Josh Smith  
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:

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

  
Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

# **Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project**

## **Executive Summary**

The Yahara River Watershed is threatened by excessive phosphorus from sources identified as agricultural runoff, urban storm water and wastewater treatment plant discharges. The elevated phosphorus levels are a threat to water quality and aquatic life throughout the Yahara Watershed. The Yahara Watershed Improvement Network (Yahara WINS), began in 2012 to reduce all phosphorus loads and meet water quality standards established by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). This program employs watershed adaptive management, a strategy in which all producers of phosphorus pollution, point and non-point sources, in the Yahara watershed basin work together to meet water quality goals. This strategy is more effective and less expensive than the sources working separately on individual solutions. Partners in Yahara WINS include cities, villages, towns, wastewater treatment plants, agricultural producers, environmental groups and others.

Yahara WINS approached the Land Conservation Department in 2016 to discuss the merits of developing a partnership to apply best management practices in Rock County's portion of the Yahara River watershed. A Service Agreement was entered into by both parties and the Land Conservation Department's Budget was amended to facilitate the cost share and/or incentive agreements.

Since then, staff has been engaged with various landowners whom expressed interest in the overall programs goals. Numerous agreements have been signed by landowners who have implemented best management practices. Knowing a few agreements would exceed the financial thresholds established by County Board rules, requiring actions by both the Finance Committee and County Board of Supervisors. Rock County Best Management Practice Installation Agreements WINS-01.18 and WINS-01.17 exceed the established threshold and requires approval from County Board. Also, if the following agreements, WINS-01.18 and WINS-03.18, are financially combined, they will exceed the aforesaid threshold.

Yahara WINS reimburses the County for costs associated with the aforementioned work, on a dollar for dollar basis.

# Memorandum

**To:** Land Conservation Committee/Josh Smith, County Administrator  
**From:** Tom Sweeney, County Conservationist  
**Date:** July 3, 2019  
**Re:** Semi Annual Report – Attendance at Conventions/Conferences

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Per resolution 06-9A-087, each department head is responsible for reporting on a semi annual basis all out of state training conventions or conferences along with associated costs per event, per employee and of all instances of attendance at all training, conventions, and conferences that exceed costs of \$1,000 per event, per employee. This memorandum is for informational purposes.

Please be advised that no Land Conservation Department employee attended an out of state event or any event that exceeded the \$1,000 threshold/event, per employee for the first half of 2019.