



**ROCK COUNTY PACE COUNCIL
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 – 8:30 A.M.
LAND CONSERVATION OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI**

MINUTES

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chair Sweeney called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Present: Don Jones, Alan Sweeney, Dave Rebout, and John Lader.

Excused: Ramona Flanigan, Duane Cherek, and Fred Hookham.

Staff: Tom Sweeney

Others Present: County Board Supervisor Wes Davis
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda:** Rebout moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Lader. **Motion Carried.**
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2016 Meeting.** Jones moved to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2016 meeting as presented, seconded by Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
- 4) **Citizen Participation, Communication, and Announcements:** None
- 5) **Summary and Overview of Rock County PACE Program Activities:**
 - a. **Sayre Joint Farms, LLC:** Tom Sweeney stated that the Sayre Farms LLC Easement purchase was successfully closed and recorded at Register of Deeds. The County assumed the legacy of enforcement of the Easement.
 - b. **John and Kathy Morton Farm:** Tom Sweeney updated the Morton Easement purchase should be completed by the later this month. NRCS has given the go ahead with closing this easement purchase.
- 6) **Resolution : Authorizing Full/Partial Purchases of Agriculture Conservation Easements on Properties Within Priority Areas of the Rock County Purchase Agricultural Easement Program and Amending the PACE Manual.** Lader moved to approve the Resolution and move it forward to the Land Conservation Committee for consideration, seconded by Jones. A short discussion on the merit of this resolution was led by Sweeney.
- 7) **Discussion Item: PACE Council Membership – Continuation of Current Membership and/or Consideration of New Members from the PACE Ad Hoc Committee.** All members present at today's meeting stated they would stay. Lader stated that the council should have new members brought in to make sure the council continues for the long term. Tom Sweeney stated he would contact the three members that were absent today for their thoughts on continuing.

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- 8) **Future Meeting Date and Time.** The next Council Meeting date will be set for Dec 1st or 2nd, 2016.

- 9) **Adjournment:** Rebut moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 am, seconded by Lader.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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