



**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday June 2, 2021, 7:15 P.M.**  
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**Wednesday June 2, 2021, 7:15 P.M.**  
**VIA ZOOM**

**AGENDA**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – May 5, 2021 Meeting
4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements
5. **Review Bills Paid (Attachment added 6/1/2021)**
6. **Action Item:** Resolution: *APPROVAL OF CERTAIN SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE MANGEMENT GRANT COST SHARE PAYMENTS*
7. **Action Item:** Request for Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Permit Fee Waiver for Second Permit – S&R Egg Farm (Project has not commenced and original permit has expired)
8. **Action Item.** Land and Water Resource Management Program: Approval of 2021 Cost Share Agreements
  - LR-008.21 – Mullikin
9. **Informational Item.** Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements
  - A. 2020 Applications Update
  - B. Resource Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) Update
10. Adjourn



## MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday May 5, 2021, 7:15 P.M.**  
**Virtual Meeting - Zoom**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:21 pm.

**Committee Members Present:** Stephanie Aegerter, Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Kaelyb Lokrantz, Mike Mulligan, James Quade, Genia Stevens and Alan Sweeney.

**Committee Members Excused:** None

**Others Present:** Chris Murphy, Andrew Baker

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Lokrantz moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2021 LCC meeting.** No corrections or clarifications were suggested. Supervisor Davis moved the approval of the minutes, seconded by Mr. Quade. **Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.** None
5. **Review Bills Paid:** No questions from the Committee.
6. **Action Item. Resolution** Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application for the 2022 Clean Sweep Program

Andrew explained that this is the annual application to DATCP to fund a portion of the Clean Sweep program for 2022. The program is also funding by municipal contributions and users fees collected at the event. The LCC asked about the progress with working with municipalities to document contributions in advance via agreements for budget purposes and also inform municipalities that have not contributed in the past as to the importance of the program and the usage by their citizens. Andrew reported that staff is making progress on that and it is a challenge to time the request based on the annual budget cycle for the municipalities vs. the fact that the County needs to also plan in advance based on agreements in writing by the time the County budget is due.

The LLC also ask whether the Clean Sweep program could be partially funding via the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Staff will investigate that opportunity.

Supervisor Aegerter made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. **Action Item: Action Item: Resolution** Amending the 2021 Land Conservation Department Budget: Farmers on the Rock Producer Led Watershed Group Account

Andrew explained that this amendment is a component of our agreement with the FOTR Group to manage revenues and expenditures on their behalf. Any funds in this account

belong entirely to FOTR and are at their discretion. No County funds are involved. A more detailed budget should be developed by FOTR for 2022.

Supervisor Davis made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Supervisor Lokrantz. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8. **Action Item:** Approval of Amendment #8 to Wisconsin Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Contract

Andrew explained the program fundamentals of CREP, in that it is a State complementary program to the Federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) which primarily is implemented in the stream corridors for buffers or other areas that have hydric or wetland soils. Landowners enter into 15 year or permanent agreements/easements. The program payments are by DATCP following contracting and planning work by LCD. LCD also does monitoring work. The County has an allotment of funds that can be spent. In this case, DATCP asked to reduce the County allotment based on past average annual expenditures so that additional funds can be shift to other Counties where there is more of a demand. This amendment has no budgetary impact.

Supervisor Sweeney made a motion to approve the contract amendment, seconded by Mr. Quade. **Motion carried unanimously.**

9. **Action Item:** Requests for Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Permit Extension

- a. ECSW 2020-6: Ed Arnold – Big Barn Storage (Two-month extension request due to contractor availability)

Chris explained that project is nearly complete and the extra time is primarily for to ensure vegetation establishment is complete during the permit duration. There are no compliance issues.

Supervisor Sweeney made a motion to approve the extension request, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. ECSW 2020-9: Justin Fox – Shooting Range (Table from prior meeting)

Chris explained that the landowner has obtained approval from the Town to complete the necessary grading work to be able to stabilize the site, but not approval to construct the shooting range as proposed. Staff is suggesting a two-month extension to complete the work, but the landowner ask for six months in case they cannot get a contract in time. Discussed the amount of work that needs to be done and the incentive that a limited extension would be to get the project completed and not delay any longer. The landowner has had nearly a year to stabilize the site is the project was halted by the Town last summer.

Mr. Quade made a motion to approve a two-month permit extension, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion carried on a 7-1 vote (Mulligan-No).**

10. **Action Item.** Land and Water Resource Management Program: Approval of 2021 Cost Share Agreements

- LR-007.21 – Zimmerman Grassed Waterway

Andrew explain that this contract is for a one acre water in the Clinton area.

Supervisor Sweeney made a motion to approve the Cost Share Agreement, seconded by Supervisor Lokranz. **Motion carried unanimously.**

11. **Informational Item:** Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements

Andrew noted that acquisition was proceeding on the applications approved in 2020. Appraisals will be done soon.

12. **Adjourn:** Mr. Quade made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm, seconded by Supervisor Mulligan. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Baker  
Director

**Minutes are not official until adopted by the Land Conservation Committee.**

G: office/lcc/lcc2020/M05052021

**COMMITTEE REVIEW REPORT  
WITH DESCRIPTION  
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2021**

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Check Date	Vendor Name	Description	Inv/Enc Amt
62-6200-0000-63100	Office&Misc Exp	P2100502	05/20/2021	US BANK	STAPLES, AMAZON, WALMART SUPPL	35.73
62-6200-0000-64319	Tree Purchase	P2100502	05/20/2021	US BANK	TRAILER RENTAL FOR TREE SALE	100.00
		P2101265	05/06/2021	LAURAS LANE NURSERY	TREES FOR 2021 TREE SALE	239.25
<b>Land Conservation PROG TOTAL</b>						<b>374.98</b>
62-6210-0000-64316	Tree Planting	P2100502	05/20/2021	US BANK	SCREEN/GASKET FOR TREE PLANT	7.19
<b>Tree Planting PROG TOTAL</b>						<b>7.19</b>
62-6280-0000-64928	Cost Sharing	P2101245	05/06/2021	FIRN,RAYMOND AND JEAN	COST SHARE LR-010.20	3,150.00
		P2101280	05/13/2021	OLEARY SHAMROCK ACRES LLC	COST SHARE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT	7,084.00
		P2101284	05/13/2021	OLEARY SHAMROCK ACRES LLC	NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT LR-023.20	1,360.00
		P2101286	05/13/2021	OLEARY SHAMROCK ACRES LLC	NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT LR-025.20	1,496.00
		P2101287	05/13/2021	OLEARY SHAMROCK ACRES LLC	NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT LR-02220	1,204.00
		P2101299	05/13/2021	OLEARY SHAMROCK ACRES LLC	NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT LR-024.20	6,868.00
<b>LWC Plan Implementation Grant PROG TOTAL</b>						<b>21,162.00</b>

I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total amount of **\$21,544.17**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept Head \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

LAND CONSERVATION  
COMMITTEE  
INITIATED BY



ANDREW M BAKER  
DRAFTED BY

LAND CONSERVATION  
COMMITTEE  
SUBMITTED BY

MAY 17, 2021  
DATE DRAFTED

**APPROVAL OF CERTAIN SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE MANGEMENT  
GRANT COST SHARE PAYMENTS**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department (LCD) applies for State Soil and Water Resource
- 2 Management Grant funds through the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection
- 3 (DATCP) on an annual basis; and,
- 4
- 5 **WHEREAS**, the grant funds are earmarked for a portion of LCD annual staff cost and for cost share
- 6 payments made to landowners and/or operators to install conservation practices; and,
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, cost share funding is used for physical construction of “hard” practices, such as grassed
- 9 waterways, as well as “soft” practices, such as Nutrient Management Planning and implementation;
- 10 and,
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- 12 **WHEREAS**, if an eligible owner/operator is selected by the LCD and Land Conservation Committee
- 13 for a cost share contract for Nutrient Management Planning, as per DATCP Policy the entire farm must
- 14 be included in the plan; and,
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- 16 **WHEREAS**, current cost share rate for a Nutrient Management Plan contract is forty dollars (\$40) per
- 17 acre; and,
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- 19 **WHEREAS**, a single operator may have separate contracts for a single operation if land is leased from
- 20 multiple landowners; and,
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- 22 **WHEREAS**, in some instances, due to the size of the farm operation, the Nutrient Management Plan
- 23 contract payment amount, or total of multiple contracts, will exceed the maximum payment amount
- 24 allowed to be approved by staff and, therefore, require additional approvals by the Finance Committee
- 25 and County Board of Supervisors; and,
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- 27 **WHEREAS**, cost share payments to landowners are 100% reimbursed by DATCP; and,
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- 29 **WHEREAS**, contract payments for four operators will exceed the aforesaid thresholds in order to
- 30 provide cost share funding for the entire farm operation as required by DATCP.
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- 32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
- 33 assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, approves the payments for cost share contracts
- 34 LR-16.20, LR-17.20, LR-18.20 and LR-19.20 in the sum of \$15,472, LR-21.20, LR-22.20, LR-23.20,
- 35 LR-24.20 and LR-25.20 in the sum of \$18,012, LR-026.20 in the sum of \$14,496 and LR-27.20 and LR-
- 36 28.20 in the sum of \$23,980.

Respectfully submitted:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Bostwick, Chair

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Alan Sweeney, Vice Chair

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Stephanie Aegerter

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Wes Davis

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vacant

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Mike Mulligan

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James Quade, USDA-FSA Rep.

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Genia Stevens

FISCAL NOTE:

Cost share payments are included in the budget and are 100% reimbursed by DATCP. No County funds are required.

*/s/ Sherry Oja*

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51 and 92.07(3), Wis. Stats.

*/s/ Richard Greenlee*

Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

Finance Committee Endorsement

Reviewed and approved on a vote of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Mawhinney, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

*/s/ Josh Smith*

Josh Smith  
County Administrator



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On an annual basis the Land Conservation Department is awarded grant funds from the State to implement conservation in Rock County. These funds are for both staff time and cost share payments to landowners or operators for conservation practices. One eligible conservation practice is Nutrient Management Planning. The payment rate for this practice is \$40 an acre to be paid as a one-time payment to develop and implement the Nutrient Management Plan. An operator is required to include all the acres in the operation in the Plan. Depending on the size of the operation, this requirement occasionally results in relatively high contract values and/or multiple contracts because different landowners/landlords are involved (whom must be included in the contract).

A number of existing 2020 contracts (or the total of multiple contracts with same operator) exceed the maximum payment amount allowed for staff approval established by County Board rules, requiring actions by both the Finance Committee and County Board of Supervisors. Therefore, this resolution is intended to provide approval of payments for cost share contracts LR-16.20, LR-17.20, LR-18.20 and LR-19.20 in the sum of \$15,472, LR-21.20, LR-22.20, LR-23.20, LR-24.20 and LR-25.20 in the sum of \$18,012, LR-026.20 in the sum of \$14,496 and LR-27.20 and LR-28.20 in the sum of \$23,980.

DATCP reimburses the County 100% for the cost of these payments.