



## 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

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