



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY JULY 5, 2017, 7:15 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 7:15 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Rich Bostwick, Stephanie Aegerter, Wes Davis, Brenton Driscoll, Kara Hawes, James Quade, Alan Sweeney and Jeremy Zajac.

Committee Members Excused: None.

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – June 7, 2017 and June 29, 2017:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2017 and June 29, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meetings, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. Supervisor Quade noted that Dave Rebut was named in the minutes. The correction was noted. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Supervisor Davis noted the upcoming County Association Meeting and the Land Water and Food Conference sponsored by The Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association. Chair Bostwick expressed his appreciation to the staff of the Land Conservation Department for another great conservation tour and his appreciation for the PACE presentation at County Board.
5. **Review of Bills paid.** Bills Paid were presented.
6. **2017 Second Quarter Expense Report:** Tom Sweeney presented the second quarter expense report to the Committee.
7. **Semi Annual Report – Attendance at Conventions/Conferences:** Tom Sweeney distributed the Semi Annual Convention/Conference report to the Committee.
8. **Land and Water Resource Management Program - Approval of Cost Share Agreement(s):** Tom Sweeney presented a cost share agreement for Mike and Hannah Pakes, Nutrient Management; Marvin Delzer, Nutrient Management; and Atkinson Farms, Sinkhole Abatement. Supervisor Quade moved to approve the Cost Share Agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Program:**
 - A. **Service Agreement Amendment.** Tom Sweeney explained the service agreement amendment which increases the original grant from \$18,000 for incentive to \$210,000 for the same time frame. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the service agreement amendment as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**

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- B. **Program Update.** Tom Sweeney stated the LCD has been awarded additional money from Yahara WINs for streambank restoration work in Badfish Creek. The agreement will be forthcoming.
10. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program:**
- A. **Potential ATC Funds from Alliant Energy Riverside Expansion.** Tom Sweeney has been informed by the County Administration the County will be in receipt of funds for the new powerline construction.
 - B. **Program Update:** Tom Sweeney stated that two easements have been closed and he is still waiting for the appraisal work for Larry Oberdeck donation. Once this is received, Tom stated he will set an appointment at Brabazon Title to close the Oberdeck Easement Purchase and Oberdeck Easement Donation.
11. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Hawes moved to adjourn the July 5, 2017 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:03 pm, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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