



**MINUTES**  
**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012, 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:** Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Eva Arnold, Deloyde Sanders, Alan Sweeney, Fred Yoss and James Quade.

**Staff Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD; Andrew Baker, LCD; and Wade Thompson, P&D.

**Others Present:** Charlie Scharine, Scharine Group; Dalton Davies, Casey Bellard, and Grant Klemp; Beloit Memorial High School.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Approval of Cost Share Agreement for Franklin Meier, Waterway System, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Election of Vice Chair:** Chair Bostwick called for nominations for the LCC Vice Chair. Supervisor Arnold nominated Supervisor Wiedenfeld, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Supervisor Sweeney moved to close the nominations with a unanimous vote for Supervisor Wiedenfeld, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. The motion to close the nominations was carried. The vote was unanimous for Supervisor Wiedenfeld to be Vice Chair.
4. **Set Meeting Date and Time:** Supervisor Arnold moved to maintain the First Wednesday of the Month as the normal meeting date for the LCC with a starting time to be 7:15 pm, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. **Motion Carried.**
5. **Approval of Minutes - April 3, 2012:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2012 Land Conservation Committee meeting with the following corrections, noting that Sweeney were misspelled in item 8. Supervisor Arnold seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Wade Thompson, P&D informed the Committee of his impending departure in two weeks. He also informed the committee of his pleasure of working for the Land Conservation PACE program.
7. **Bills/Encumbrances:** Supervisor Yoss motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. Tom Sweeney reviewed the Bills. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Scharine Group – Waiver Request of Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Requirements:** Andrew Baker discussed site disturbance which led to the findings identified in the memorandum sent to the committee. Baker stated he met with Charlie Scharine on site regarding this issue. Baker continued with distribution of an aerial photograph with the site disturbance area highlighted. Mr. Scharine discussed the processes involved with the permits needed.

Supervisor Nash arrived at 7:40 pm.

Andrew Baker discussed the after the fact permit process and the applicability to this waiver request. Supervisor Sanders asked if there are any fines associated with this issue. Andrew Baker stated that a double fee is assigned to after the fact permit requests. Supervisor Yoss asked if there were specific plans for off site impacts. Andrew Baker stated that the potential systems to be designed under the Erosion Control and Storm Water Ordinances are intended to negate off site impacts. A short discussion ensued regarding permit fees. Tom Sweeney stated the committee has the power to waive the after the fact fee if they so choose and still require the applicant to meet the standards.

Andrew Baker stated that the size of the disturbance, just over an acre, has been the norm recently. There are other relatively small projects like this one that have required full compliance with the two ordinances. Supervisor Yoss stated that he does not feel comfortable in setting precedence for future requests regarding waiver requests.

Mr. Scharine made a statement regarding the issue. He stated he met with Combs and Associates to determine the associated design costs and feels that it is not appropriate for the offsite impacts that he states do not exist. He stated the area in front of his shop, currently in lawn; acts as a filter prior to any water leaving their site.

Supervisor Sweeney stated he agrees with not approving the waiver request for the standards, but feels that waiving the after the fact fee is appropriate for this situation only if the Scharine Group works with an Engineer and come into compliance. Andrew Baker stated he agrees with Supervisor Sweeney. Supervisor Sweeney motioned, the applicant must participate in the process, waive the double fee with the understanding that the applicant meets the intent of the ordinance and completes the work by September 15, 2012. Supervisor Yoss seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

9. **Land and Water Resource Management Program.**
  - A. **Approval of 2012 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Contract:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the contract as presented, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. Tom Sweeney stated the contract reflects a reduction in dollars associated with staffing by approximately \$15,000. All other funds remain constant. **Motion Carried.**
  - B. **Approval of Cost Share Agreement for Joseph Kania, Well Abandonment and Franklin Meier, Waterway System.** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the proposed cost share agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Approval of Commercial Lease with Dan Silha, LLC for Land Conservation Department Office.** Tom Sweeney discussed lease with Dan Silha, LLC for LCD office space. Supervisor Yoss motioned to approve the lease as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sanders. **Motion Carried.**
11. **Schedule July 2012 LCC Meeting Date and Time:** A consensus was reached amongst committee members that the July 2012 meeting of the Land Conservation Committee would be held on July 10, 2012 to commence at 6:00 pm.
12. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney provided an update on Department activities since the last LCC Meeting. Also the committee agreed that the Annual Land Conservation Committee tour would be held on June 28, 2012 to commence at the Land Conservation Department Conference room at 9:00 am and be completed by 3:30 pm.
13. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to adjourn the May 2, 2012 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:50 pm, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. **Motion Carried.**

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Respectfully Submitted,

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County Conservationist

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