



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009, 7:15 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT - CONFERENCE ROOM
USDA SERVICE CENTER
440 N US HWY 14, JANESVILLE WI

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 7:18 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Eva Arnold, James Quade, Katie Kuznacic, Ronald Combs, and Alan Sweeney.

Committee Members Excused: Robert Fizzell

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Tom Sweeney requested that under item 6, Land and Water Resource Management Program approval of Cost Share Agreements, Cost Share Agreement for Rock County and approval of a cost share transfer request from St. Croix County to Rock County be added. Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – August 5, 2009:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Bills and Transfers:** Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Kuznacic. **Motion Carried.**
5. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
6. **Land and Water Resource Management Program – Approval of Cost Share Agreements.** Tom Sweeney distributed the 2009 program tracking sheet and reviewed the three cost share agreements that need approval: Rock County, Waterway Systems; Kyah Norton and Deb Tuttle, Well Abandonment; Larry Clift, Rock Chute; and Steven Earleywine, Streambank and Shoreline Protection. Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the cost share agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.** Tom Sweeney presented the Cost Share Transfer Request. Rock County has requested \$15,000 of spending authority be transferred from St. Croix County to Rock County. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the transfer request, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Household Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep Program**
 - A. **Approval of Contract with Veolia Environmental Services.** Tom Sweeney presented the contract with Veolia Environmental Services. The contract is for services to be provided for the October 10, 2009 Clean Sweep event. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the contract as presented, seconded by Supervisor Kuznacic. **Motion Carried.**
 - B. **Program Update.** Tom Sweeney updated the committee regarding the October 10th collection event and the application process for the 2010 continuous collection grant.
8. **Resolution - Authorizing Participation In The 2009 Deer Donation Program and Amending The Land Conservation Budget.** Tom Sweeney presented the resolution and discussed the program requirements. Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Kuznacic. **Motion Carried.**

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9. **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Amending the 2009 program contract to facilitate participation in the deer donation program.** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Supervisor Combs. Tom Sweeney explained the cost of participation in this program is reimbursed by DNR. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – Approval of 15-year agreement for Robert and Yvonne Gretschnann Rev Trust:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the CREP agreement for Robert and Yvonne Gretschnann Rev Trust. Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
11. **Purchase of Development Rights Program - Program Update.** Chair Bostwick noted that no action will occur for alternate members to the PDR Ad Hoc Committee. Supervisor Sweeney distributed the agenda for the September 22, 2009 PDR/PACE Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Also Supervisor Sweeney discussed the PDR/PACE Vision Workgroup meeting held on August 31, 2009. Supervisor Sweeney informed the committee that Finance Committee was drafting a resolution to borrow \$250,000 from the ATC segregated account, \$125,000 from the allocation for LCD and \$125,000 from the allocation for Parks, with a payback period of ten years to assist with the projected County budget deficit for 2010. A straw poll was taken by Chair Bostwick: All LCC members present were in opposition with the resolution. Tom Sweeney distributed the draft Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes.
12. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney reviewed department activities since the last LCC meeting. Tom Sweeney informed the committee on the date of the WLWCA Conference.
13. **Set LCC Meeting Dates and Times for November and December.** The November LCC meeting date was scheduled for November 3rd at 6:30 pm. The December meeting date will remain the first Wednesday of December.
14. **Adjournment:** Supervisor Combs motioned to adjourn the September 2, 2009 meeting of the Land Conservation Committee at 8:20 p.m. seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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