



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

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

**Committee Members Present:** Larry Wiedenfeld, Robert Fizzell, Eva Arnold, James Quade, Katie Kuznacic, Ronald Combs, and Alan Sweeney.

**Committee Members Excused:** Richard Bostwick.

**Others Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD: Dave Terrell, USDA-WS; and Mike Mullikin, Landowner.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – September 2, 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 Fizzell. **Motion Carried.**
5. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
6. **Request for Waiver from Erosion Control Management Permit – Robert Mullikin.**  
Andrew Baker explained the Mullikins are seeking a waiver from the Erosion Control Management Ordinance, which requires them to obtain a permit for the construction of an agricultural building on one of their farms. The structure will exceed the threshold of 4,000 square feet. The site in question is located on the prairie and will have no off site impact, therefore staff recommends the waiver request be approved. Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the waiver request as presented, seconded by Supervisor Kuznacic. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Approval of the UDSA/DNR/County Budget Proposal.** Tom Sweeney introduced Dave Terrell from the USDA - Wildlife Service. Mr. Terrell gave a short update on the program and the 2009 program participants. Mr. Terrell distributed a proposed budget request to DNR for the 2010 program year. Tom Sweeney stated that the county administration cost should be increased by \$948. Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the budget document with the changes, seconded by Supervisor Fizzell. **Motion Carried.** Dave thanked the committee and distributed a crop-pricing list for 2009. The list is utilized for the development of damage claims. After a short discussion, the committee agreed to no action since this was not an agenda item.
8. **Land and Water Resource Management Program – Approval of Cost Share Agreement(s).**  
Tom Sweeney distributed the updated 2009 program-tracking sheet and reviewed the four cost share agreements that need approval. Tom Sweeney noted that cost share agreements LR-019.09 through LR-021.09 need to be approved with the contingency of the pending cost share transfer being approved by DATCP. Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the cost share agreement LR-018.09 as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**

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- Supervisor Combs motioned to approve Cost Share agreements LR-019.09 through LR-021.09 with the contingency of the cost share transfer being approved by DATCP, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – Approval of Fifteen-Year Contract(s).** Tom Sweeney presented a CREP agreement for Steven and Kathleen Earleywine. Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Fizzell. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Farmland Preservation Program – Approval of Notice of Non-Participation for Millie Davis.** Supervisor Fizzell motioned to approve the notice as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
11. **Household Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep Program - Program Update.** Tom Sweeney updated the committee regarding the October 10th collection event.
12. **Purchase of Development Rights Program.**
- A) **Approval of Alternate PDR Ad Hoc Committee Members.** Tom Sweeney distributed the list of alternate members to the Ad Hoc that have been forwarded to him to date, noting that four members have not designated an alternate for various reasons. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the list as presented to be forwarded to County Board Chair Podzilni for appointment, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**
- B) **Program Update.** Supervisor Sweeney updated the committee regarding the development of the PACE program, noting that the vision workgroup agreed that the state program requirements must be an integral component of the LESA system. Supervisor Sweeney distributed the agenda for the next Ad Hoc Meeting. Supervisor Sweeney stated Jim Welsh, Executive Director of the Natural Heritage Land Trust, contacted him. Mr. Welsh informed Supervisor Sweeney that he is available to provide services to Rock County during the development of our PACE Program. Supervisor Combs stated that the Committee should invite Mr. Welsh to our next Meeting to discuss our PACE program development. Tom Sweeney stated he has met with Randy Thompson to start with the development of a marketing plan for potential pilots the state has planned.
13. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney reviewed department activities since the last LCC meeting. Tom Sweeney informed the committee on the date of the WLWCA Conference.
14. **Adjournment:** Supervisor Fizzell motioned to adjourn the October 7, 2009 meeting of the Land Conservation Committee at 8:55 p.m. seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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