



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2010, 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 7:15 p.m.

LC Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Eva Arnold, Dave Innis, Ron Combs, Alan Sweeney, and James Quade.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. Tom Sweeney requested item #3 be deleted due to no business and Francette Hamilton, Well Abandonment and Dean Cullen Farms, Inc, Grade Stabilization Structure be added under item 12 (A). Amendments were accepted. **Motion Carried.**
3. **This Item Deleted.**
4. **Approval of Minutes – September 1, 2010 and September 15, 2010:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the minutes, from the September 1 and September 15, 2010, seconded by Supervisor Combs. Supervisor Wiedenfeld noted that the September 15th minutes had a grammatical error, "instate" should be "interstate" and "exchange" should be "interchange". Tom Sweeney noted the errors and will make corrections. **Motion Carried.**
5. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
6. **Bills/Transfer Request:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the bills and transfer, seconded by Supervisor Quade. Tom Sweeney explained the transfer request from the contingency fund to the LCD budget to cover the short fall regarding rent for the LCD office space. Tom Sweeney noted the late notice by USDA-FSA that they will no longer sub-lease to the LCD. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program - Approval of USDA-WS Budget Proposal for 2011 program:** Dave Terrel, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services presented the annual budget request for the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program. After a short discussion Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the budget request as presented, seconded by Chair Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Resolution - Authorizing Participation In The 2010 Deer Donation Program and Amending The Land Conservation Budget:** Tom Sweeney presented the resolution to amend the LCD budget to allow for participation in the 2010 Deer Donation Program. After a short discussion Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Accept bid(s) for Firewood Sale from County Property located at County Hwy F and State Hwy 51:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to accept the highest bids for the two lots of firewood as defined in the #2010-41 Sale of County Property – Firewood Solicitation, seconded by Supervisor Combs. Tom Sweeney lead a short discussion. **Motion Carried.**

10. **Approval of Month-to-Month Lease with DEBCO Investments LLC:** Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the month – to – month lease with DEBCO Investments, LLC, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**

11. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program:** Chair Bostwick called for separate motions for the 15-year agreements and easements. Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve all 15-year agreements for Angle Acres, Randall Bump, Lois Guth, Randy Fowler, Gordon Andrews, Brent Hutchison, Shadel LLC, John Westphal, Larry Iverson, Harry Peterson, Frank Vielhuber, Christopher Dean, Richard Gunn, and Roy Thostenson as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**

Supervisor Arnold motioned to approved the easements for Sweeney Farms Inc. and Larry Iverson as presented, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.** Supervisor Sweeney abstained from this vote.

12. **Land and Water Resource Management Program:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the cost share agreements for Donald Niemeier, Well Abandonment; Peter Halverson, Well Abandonment, Holman Family Trust, Waterway; and Michael Krumwiede, Waterway System, Francette Hamilton, Well Abandonment, and Dean Cullen Farms LLC, Grade Stabilization Structure, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**

Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the transfer request Rock County to Columbia County for Nutrient Management Cost Share, seconded by Supervisor Combs. Tom Sweeney explained the reason for this request. **Motion Carried.**

13. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements – Discussion:** Supervisor Sweeney lead a discussion on the results from the last Ad Hoc Committee Meeting as they relate to the position taken by the LCC and the PACE Vision Workgroup as approved during the September 15, 2010 combined meeting.

14. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney highlighted the activities the LCD has been involved in since the last meeting.

15. **Adjournment:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to adjourn the October 6, 2010 meeting of the Land Conservation Committee at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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