

## **MINUTES**

## ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014, 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 7:16 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Norvain Pleasant, Alan Sweeney, Fred Yoss, and James Quade.

Committee Members Absent: Eva Arnold and Edwin Nash.

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD

- 2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. **Motion Carried.**
- 3. **Approval of Minutes December 5, 2012:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2012 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
- 4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** The Committee thanked James Quade for nine years of service to the Land Conservation Committee. A new USDA-FSA representative will be appointed by County Board in February 2014.
- 5. **Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried**.
- 6. Approval of Operational Agreement between Rock County and United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service: Tom Sweeney was asked to summarize the agreement. After the summary Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Pleasant. Motion Carried.
- 7. **Farmland Preservation Program Approval of Notices of Noncompliance:** Tom Sweeney presented the notices of non-compliance for Steve Anderson and Brown Back Achers, LLC. Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the notices as presented, seconded by Chair Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**
- 8. Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program Approval of Real Estate Appraisal Services Contracts: Tom Sweeney presented the contract to conduct a real estate appraisal for the Alan and John Sweeney, Etal PACE application. The contract is with Precision Appraisal Real Estate Consultants, LLC. At this time Supervisor Sweeney left the room. Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the contract as presented, seconded by Supervisor Pleasant. Motion Carried.

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- 9. **Department Update.** Tom Sweeney updated the committee on activities within the department since the last LCC meeting.
- 10. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Yoss motioned to adjourn the January 7, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:20 pm, seconded by Supervisor Pleasant. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney County Conservationist

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