

## MINUTES

## ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013, 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 7:20 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Eva Arnold.

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD, Andrew Baker, LCD.

Others Present: Gordon Rye

- 2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Bostwick noted that Gordon Rye was present for Agenda item # 9, move this agenda item to after item # 5, bills. Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. **Motion Carried.**
- 3. **Approval of Minutes May 1, 2013:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2013 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**
- 4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: None.
- 5. **Bills/ Pre-approved Encumbrances:** Tom Sweeney distributed a new billing for payment to the PACE participants, Mary Carlson and Candice Phelps. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. **Motion Carried**.
- 9. Request for Waiver of Erosion Control Permit Requirements for Rye Farms (Gordon Rye): This agenda item was moved up to this point. Andrew Baker spoke on behalf of the Land Conservation Department and reviewed the waiver request. The LCD recommends the LCC approve the waiver as presented. Supervisor Nash motioned to approve the Waiver request as presented, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. Motion Carried.
- 6. **Farmland Preservation Program Cancellation of Notice of Non-Compliance for Prairie M Farms LLC:** Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the Cancellation of Notice of Non-Compliance for Prairie M Farms, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Tom Sweeney explained Prairie M Farms was divided from the Metcalf Farm, which was under a Notice of Non-Compliance. The new owners have completed all state requirements for the FPP and should be re-instated. **Motion Carried.**
- 7. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance Of Full Donation Of Agricultural Conservation Easements On Properties Eligible For The Rock County Purchase Of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. Motion Carried.

- 8. Land and Water Resource Management Approval of Cost Share agreements. Tom Sweeney reviewed the Cost Share agreements. Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the Cost Share agreements as presented, Seconded by Supervisor Quade. Motion Carried.
- 9. Agenda Item # 9 moved to after Agenda Item # 5.
- 10. **2013 Conservation Practice Tour Discussion.** Tom Sweeney distributed the itinerary for the tour and asked who would be in attendance. All Committee members stated they were available and would attend. Tom Sweeney stated he would contact Supervisor Arnold.
- 11. **PACE Update**: Tom Sweeney provided the committee with an update on activities since the last meeting.
- 12. **Department Update.** Tom Sweeney provided the update since the last committee meeting.
- 13. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to adjourn the June 5, 2013 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:11 pm, seconded by Supervisor Yoss. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist
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