

MINUTES

ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY JULY 3, 2019, 7:00 P.M. LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM 440 N US HWY 14 JANESVILLE WI

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Committee Members Present: Stephanie Aegerter, Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Brenton Driscoll, Alan Sweeney, James Quade, and Jeremy Zajac

Committee Members Excused: Robert Potter

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD

- 2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
- 3. Approval of Minutes June 5, 2019 and June 6, 2019: Supervisor Quade moved the minutes from the June 5th and June 6th LCC meetings as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. Motion Carried.
- 4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Supervisor Davis announced that a pipeline safety meeting will be held at Lake Lawn Lodge on July 11, 2019. Tom Sweeney provided the committee with an update on Clean Sweep.
- 5. **Review Bills Paid:** The committee reviewed the bills paid. No comments were made.
- Resolution: Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project: Tom Sweeney reviewed the resolution noting the resolution is seeking authorization to make payments to landowners participating in the program. Supervisor Aegerter moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
- 7. **Land and Water Resource Management Program** Approve cost share agreement for Rock Porter LLC for two well abandonments. Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the cost share agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
- 8. **Erosion Control Storm Water Program Permit Extension Request for Permit Number ECSW-2018-7, Brimestone LLC;** Tom Sweeney presented the request to extend the permit for Brimestone LLC. The request is based on weather related delays to complete the work required under the permit. The request is for a 6 month extension. Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the request as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried**.
- 9. **Semi-Annual Report Attendance at Conventions/Conferences:** Tom Sweeney stated that no LCD staff member attended an out of state conference or attended a conference that exceeded the established monetary threshold of \$1,000.

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10. **Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup - Update:**

Tom Sweeney and Al Sweeney provided an update to the activities of the Workgroup. Tom Sweeney distributed the updated data set from the monitoring wells at the county farm. Supervisor Sweeney noted the closed depression at the farm remains waterlogged and should have cover crops introduced after dry down. Supervisor Quade referenced work conducted on deep soil nitrates by past UWEX Agriculture Agent Dennis Nehring. Tom Sweeney noted the next Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup meeting will occur on Tuesday July 9, 2019.

- 11. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Update**: Tom Sweeney updated the committee on activities associated with the PACE program.
- 12. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Zajac moved to adjourn the July 5, 2019 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 7:51 pm, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney County Conservationist

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