

MINUTES

ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE Wednesday March 3, 2021, 7:15 P.M. Virtual Meeting - Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Committee Members Present: Stephanie Aegerter, Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Kaelyb Lokrantz, Mike Mulligan, James Quade and Alan Sweeney.

Committee Members Excused: None

Others Present: Andrew Baker

- 2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 3. **Approval of Minutes February 3, 2021 LCC meeting.** No corrections or clarifications were suggested. Supervisor Lokrantz moved the approval of the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Mulligan. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Chair Bostwick announced that the canoe and kayak student club that he leads will be having a Scoopie fundraiser at Culvers on Milton Ave on Sunday, March 7th, from 10:30-2:00. Ten percent of all sales will be given to the club and used toward their annual trip up north. Supervisor Lokrantz announced that Beloit Headstart will be have in a "Farmers to Families" event every Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:30 am. All families are welcome to come to receive food products. There are no income requirements.
- 5. **Review Bills Paid:** Discussed the bills for the Tree Sale and the status of selling the inventory. Very few trees are left to sell and planning for distribution on Earth Day, April 22, at the DPW facility.
- 6. Informational Item. Review of past participation in the Clean Sweep program and contributions from municipalities for vendor and disposal costs. The LCC reviewed a spreadsheet provided by staff that included the past participation in the Clean Sweep over the last five years sorted by municipality along with the amount of contribution each municipality donated to the program. In the Fall of 2019 the LCC decided that 2020 would be the last year that ATC funds would be used to supplement the program. At that time, the LCC directed staff to work with municipalities to execute agreements that would specific contributions on an annual basis rather than giving varying amounts from year to year. Doing so would allow staff to budget for the program more efficiently. After discussion, Supervisor Sweeny made a motion to direct staff to send targeted letters to municipalities that have not contributed to the program in the past years. Seconded by Supervisor Lokrantz. Correspondence should include the benefits of the program, summary of costs and participation from the respective municipality in the past.
- Possible Action Item. Review and approval of Rock County Municipal Storm Water Management Plan as a Land Conservation Department Policy. Elements of the plan are intended to address the requirements of the County Municipal Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) General Permit that are not otherwise included in County Ordinance. Andrew explained the purpose of the plan as included in the introduction section and noted on the agenda. The plan was developed with the assistance of the Public Works Department. Supervisor Aegerter asked about the reference to plan updates. Andrew explain further that the plan will be updated as required based on a new general permit (which occurs every five years) or as deemed necessary by staff. Adopting as a Policy rather than an Ordinance will allow for a more streamlined amendment process if deemed necessary. Supervisor Davis made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by Supervisor Mulligan. Motion carried unanimously.

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- 8. **Informational Item.** PACE. Andrew announced that two of the three applications sent to NRCS for funding were approved for the ACEP-ALE. Applications that were approved were Vanthournout (renewed application from last year) and Watson. Conway was not approved simply due to budget limitations. Four applications were approved statewide. Other approvals were in Dane and Jefferson County. Staff will work on the next steps, which includes appraisals.
- 9. **Adjourn:** Mr. Quade made motion to adjourn at 8:03 pm, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Baker Director

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