

MINUTES

ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE Wednesday January 6, 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, Alan Sweeney and Bill Wilson.

Committee Members Excused: None

Others Present: Andrew Baker

- 2. **Approval of Agenda:** Andrew asked that Item #7 be struck from the agenda. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 3. **Approval of Minutes December 2, 2020 LCC meeting.** Mr. Quade moved the approval of the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Mulligan. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: None
- 5. **Review Bills Paid:** The Committee reviewed the bills to be paid. There were no questions.
- 6. **Action Item:** Approval of Farmland Preservation Notice of Noncompliance Documents. Anne L Haines. Andrew explained this was for 22 acres of land at N Tolles Rd and County Hwy M. Landowner chose not to participate. No compliance issues. Supervisor Mulligan made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Lokrantz. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 7. Action Item: Six month extension for EC-2020-5, Six month extension request for Rock County Permit EC-2020-5, Joe Cash Pond Project – Newark Township (Additional time to final repairs to best management practices)
- 8. Action Item: Approval of LCD Fee and Penalty Schedule. Andrew stated that no significant changes have been made, simply cleaned up language, Ordinance references, etc. Last time acted on by LCC was 2016. Supervisor Dave asked about NMM Reclamation fee schedule. Andrew explained we have statutory limitations that fees collected cannot exceed cost of program and a portion of the fee collect is transferred to DNR for oversite staff costs. Questions of whether fee changes should be considered overall... Andrew responded that maybe that may be appropriate for 2022 after there is a chance to evaluate programs and new staff arrangements. Supervisor Davis made a motion to approve the Fee and Penalty Schedule presented for approval, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9. Action Item: Approval and designation of Norman J Tadt Jr. to act on behalf of the County in signing / approving contracts, applying for grant funds, reporting on grant funds, requesting reimbursements, certifying non-engineering practices and other such duties related to DATCP Soil and Water Resources Management cost share and staffing grants (Delegated staff person must spend 100% of time on conservation related activities; action required due to new joint Department head position). Andrew explained that this was necessary due to the fact that there is now a joint Department Head position with Planning and Development. Department Head can no longer sign DATCP documents because not 100% conservation employee. Chair Bostwick clarified that the record should reflect that Committee Chair would also have authority to sign all documents, Mr. Tadt would be designee if necessary. Supervisor Sweeney made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

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10. Action Item. Resolution. APPROVAL TO BEGIN ACQUISITION PROCESS FOR SELECTED 2020 PACE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS (FEDERAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS). Andrew explained this resolution formalizes the decision made that the last LCC meeting, as recommended by the PACE Council, to proceed with applications for three properties to the NRCS ACEP-ALE program. Supervisor Davis asked about the title policy required for each property, which is designated at \$15,000 to start and will be increased to the full purchase price if easement acquisition is approved.

Supervisor Davis made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion carried unanimously.**

11. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Lokrantz made motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm, seconded by Supervisor Mulligan. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Baker Director

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