

MINUTES ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2, 2009, 7:15 P.M. LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT - CONFERENCE ROOM USDA SERVICE CENTER 440 N US HWY 14, JANESVILLE WI

- CORRECTED -

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 7:15 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Eva Arnold, James Quade, Katie Kuznacic, Ronald Combs, Robert Fizzell and Alan Sweeney.

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD

- 2. **Approval of Agenda:**. Tom Sweeney requested the following amendments to the agenda: add extension request under item # 7. Supervisor Fizzell motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried**.
- 3. Approval of Minutes November 3, 2009 and November 16, 2009: Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the November 3, 2009 and the November 16, 2009 minutes as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. Motion Carried.
- 4. **Bills and Transfers:** Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the transfer as presented, seconded by Supervisor Combs. **Motion Carried.**
- 5. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: None.
- 6. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program:** Tom Sweeney presented a 15-year CREP agreement for Bjion Realty, LLC. Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the agreement as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**

7. Land and Water Resource Management Program

A) Approval of Cost Share Agreement(s): Tom Sweeney distributed the updated 2009 program-tracking sheet and reviewed the cost share agreement for Eva Arnold, Matthew Dopp, and Alan Sweeney. Supervisors Arnold and Sweeney abstained from the vote. Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the cost share agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Fizzell. Motion Carried.

B) Carry Over Request: Tom Sweeney discussed with the committee the need to request DATCP to approve a carryover request for eight landowners. Once approved, the cost share funding will be available to landowners in fiscal year 2010. Supervisor Combs motioned to approve the cost share agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Kuznacic. Motion Carried.

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8. **Purchase of Development Rights Program-Program Update:** Supervisor Sweeney updated the committee regarding the development of the PACE program, noting the last Ad Hoc Committee meeting was held on December 1, 2009. Supervisor Sweeney distributed information obtained from this meeting. Supervisor Sweeney requested that the LCC be more involved in the development of the policy regarding information being disseminated to the AD HOC Committee. Tom Sweeney distributed copies of comments developed regarding the State PACE program proposed criteria. The committee discussed and requested that the comments be forwarded to the state PACE Council Chair, and appropriate DATCP staff, which should include Vicki Elkin. Tom Sweeney distributed a copy of the development schedule for PACE Program.

Supervisor Combs requested that Carrie Houston and/or Wade Thompson, Planning and Development, attend the next LCC meeting, scheduled for January 6, 2010 to present an update on the PACE Program to the Committee as a whole.

- 9. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney reviewed department activities since the last LCC meeting. A short discuss discussion on travel arrangements for the upcoming WLWCA Conference occurred.
- Adjournment: Supervisor Arnold motioned to adjourn the December 2, 2009 meeting of the Land Conservation Committee at 7:50 p.m. seconded by Supervisor Arnold Fizzell. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney County Conservationist

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