



**MINUTES**  
**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY; OCTOBER 5, 2011; 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 7:17 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Eva Arnold, David Innis, Fred Yoss, James Quade, and Alan Sweeney.

**Committee Members Absent:** Ronald Combs

**Others Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD; Dave Terrell, USDA-APHIS

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Tom Sweeney stated that Item 8 should be removed from the agenda due to lack of business. Supervisor Yoss motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – September 7, 2011:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2011 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None.
5. **Bills / Transfers:** Supervisor Quade motioned to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Set 2011 Crop Prices for Damage Claims.** Dave Terrell, USDA-APHIS distributed a list of all average crop prices for 2011 to the committee for consideration. The committee had a short discussion regarding the prices. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to set the soybean price at \$11.50/bu. And the grain corn price at \$5.94/bu., seconded by Supervisor Yoss. **Motion Carried.**

Dave Terrell, USDA-APHIS distributed a proposed budget for the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program for the 2012 program. Tom Sweeney stated that the agenda was silent regarding this topic and any action for this item would need to be brought up at the November 2011 LCC Meeting.

7. **Land and Water Resource Management Program – Approval of Cost Share Agreements:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the agreements for: Lyle & Ruth Milner, Well Abandonment; and Gary & Michelle Hahn Family Rev Trust, Well Abandonment. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Arnold. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – Approval of 15-year Agreements:** item was deleted from the agenda due to no new business.

9. **Resolution: Amending The 2011 Land Conservation Department Budget To Provide Financial Assistance To The WLWCA.** Supervisor Wiedenfeld motioned to approve the resolution as approved, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
10. **WLWCA Conference – Discussion.** Tom Sweeney led a discussion of attendance at the WLWCA Conference in December 2011. Of note was the proposed merger of WLWCA and Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees. Supervisor Sweeney asked that a list of pros versus cons document be developed for the November LCC meeting regarding this topic.
11. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements – Discussion.** Supervisor Sweeney noted that he and Wade Thompson attended a program on PDR in Boone County IL. Also noted was the award ceremony for Gathering Waters Land Trust.
12. **Department Update:** Tom Sweeney provided an update on Department activities since the last LCC meeting.
13. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Arnold motioned to adjourn the October 5, 2011 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:23 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Innis. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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