



MINUTES

ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7, 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 7:04 pm.

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

Committee Members Excused: James Quade and Robert Potter

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Anne Miller, LCD
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – July 3, 2019:** Supervisor Driscoll moved the minutes from the July 3, 2019 LCC meeting as presented, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Tom Sweeney noted the Southern Area Association Summer Tour will be held on August 20th by Green County. If any Supervisor is interested, please inform to ASAP.
5. **Review Bills Paid:** The committee reviewed the bills paid. Supervisor Davis asked for verification on two bills. Hendrickson – Clerk Desk and Staples for office supplies and new clerk chair.
6. **Land and Water Resource Management Program -**
 - a. **Approve Cost Share Agreements.** Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. Tom Sweeney reviewed the agreements for Brett Arnold and James Erickson. **Motion Carried.**
 - b. **Land and Water Resource Management Plan Update.** Tom Sweeney updated the committee on the LWRM Plan update. Tom distributed copies of the final working draft and noted that water quality information on the main stem of the Rock River maybe added. DNR needs to forward to the LCD. The LCC will consider advancing the final working draft to DATCP and DNR during their September 4, 2019 meeting. If you have comments on the working draft, please contact Tom or Anne.
7. **Yahara WINs Program – Approval of Cost Share Agreements:** Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the cost share agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. Tom Sweeney presented the agreements for the Nelson Family, Ryan Nelson (2) Evan Sayre, Sweeney Farms, and Thomas Young. At this time Supervisor Sweeney told Chair Bostwick he would be abstaining from the vote. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Construction Site Erosion Control/Storm Water Management - Permit Extension Requests:** Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the extension requests as presented, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. Tom Sweeney noted that the Town of Union and Zach Knutson permits have or will expire soon and final work needs to be completed on both sites. Delays are due to weather. **Motion Carried.**
9. **Approval of Application for USDA-NRCS Staffing Grant:** Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the application for the USDA-NRCS Staffing Grant, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. Tom Sweeney noted the approval request was for the amended application. Tom Sweeney continued stating that a 3 year staffing grant was awarded to the LCD, the amendment adds an additional funding year with an option for a fifth funding year. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Clean Sweep Funding Allocation – ATC Funds:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the Clean Sweep Funding Allocation, seconded by Supervisor Davis. Anne Miller presented background information on the Clean Sweep Program and asked the committee to allocate \$50,000 of funding from the recent ATC Environmental Impact deposit. Supervisor Sweeney asked Anne Miller what the chances were to develop formal MOUs with all the Municipalities in the County to assure future funding, noting the ATC fund is finite. Miller stated the Clean Sweep workgroup will be convening in the near future and this will be an agenda item. A long discussion followed regarding MOUs with all partners. Supervisor Sweeney amended the motion to allocate one year funding, not to exceed \$25,000 and develop MOUs with partners, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. Chair Bostwick noted the vote will be for the amendment. **Motion Carried.** Chair Bostwick noted the vote will be for the amended motion. **Motion Carried.**
11. **Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup - Update:** Tom Sweeney noted the next Groundwater Workgroup meeting will be held on September 16, 2019 at the LCC Conference Room. Also, on August 19, 2019 Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) will be in Rock County to produce a video on Groundwater Issues the County is facing. This Video will be available during the WCA Conference.
11. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements - Update:** Tom Sweeney updated the committee on activities associated with the PACE program, noting an MOU with NRCS for funding the Barlass easements will need approval and the application period for 2019 closes on August 31, 2019.
12. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Aegerter moved to adjourn the August 7, 2019 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:47 pm, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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