



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2018, 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 7:02 pm.

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

Committee Members Excused: Robert Potter

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Chris Murphy, LCD; Tom Brien, County Board Member.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Bostwick asked if any changes were needed to the agenda. No requests heard. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – August 1, 2018:** Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meetings as presented, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None
5. **Bills.**
 - A. **Review Bills Paid:** Tom Sweeney distributed copies of the bills to the Committee.
 - B. **Approve Bills over \$10,000:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the bills over \$10,000, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll. Supervisor Driscoll noted an error. Supervisor Driscoll moved to correct the error, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.** Returned to the question of approval with changes. **Motion Carried.**
6. **Resolution: Amending the Land Conservation Department Budget to Allow for Reimbursement of Gypsy Moth Fund Balance to the Town of Beloit.** Supervisor Driscoll moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Resolution: Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application for the 2019 Clean Sweep Program.** Supervisor Zajac moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Erosion Control Stormwater Management Program – Approve Request for a Six (6) Month Extension for Erosion Control Permits:**
 - A. **EC-2017-17; Rock County Rifle and Pistol Club.** Chris Murphy explained the request for the extension. If granted the new deadline would be March 12, 2019. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the extension request with the new deadline being March 12, 2019, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**
 - B. **EC-2017-18 and EC-2017-21; Erik Borg.** Chris Murphy explained the request for the extension. If granted the new deadline would be March 18, 2019. Supervisor Quade moved to approve the extension request with the new deadline being March 18, 2019, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. **Motion Carried.**

9. **Land and Water Resource Management Program – Approve Cost Share Agreement(s).**
Tom Sweeney distributed an updated copy of the spreadsheet with the current cost share agreements needing action. Tom Sweeney discussed the agreements for Braukhoff Trust, Nadine Kerl, Robert Degner, and amend cost share agreement for James Veldhoff Trust. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the new cost share agreements and amend the agreement for the Veldhoff Trust, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – Approve 15 Year Agreements.**
Tom Sweeney discussed the 15 year agreements for Galena Way Farms, Selck Farms Inc., Nadine Kerl, Victor Danz, Adolph Kosak Sr, Timothy Coon, and Jeanne Herring. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agreements as presented, seconded by Supervisor Quade. **Motion Carried.**
11. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program - Update.** Tom Sweeney presented an update on the PACE program. Of interest was the update to the PACE Program application deadline was set for August 31, 2018. Two new applications were received and one past application was reactivated. A total of 8 parcels are from two new applications, and one parcel from the reactivated application.
12. **Groundwater Nitrate Pilot Project - Update.** Tom Sweeney stated the workgroup met on Monday August 27, 2018. Two guests presented a wealth of information on the value of cover crops as they relate to groundwater nitrates. The Workgroup finalized their recommendation to the Agriculture and Extension Committee for language to be included in the farmland lease. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 15, 2018.
13. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Zajac moved to adjourn the September 5, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:09 pm, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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