



MINUTES

ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY APRIL 4, 2018, 7:15 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI

1. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair Sweeney called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Committee Members Present: Stephanie Aegerter, Wes Davis, Brenton Driscoll, Kara Hawes, James Quade, Alan Sweeney, and Jeremy Zajac.

Committee Members Excused: Rich Bostwick

Others Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Chris Murphy, LCD, Tom Brien.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Vice Chair Sweeney asked if any changes were needed to the agenda. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Zajac.
Motion Carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes – March 7, 2018:** Supervisor Driscoll moved to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. Tom Sweeney noted a typo error in the minutes, ECSW-2017-3 (Connell- Lake Woods 3rd Addition) under agenda item #6. **The correct spelling is Cannel. Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Supervisor Aegerter stated the first Janesville Farmers Market will be held on the first Saturday in May.
5. **Review Bills Paid.** Bills Paid were presented to the committee.
6. **Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Program – Approve 6 Month Extension Request for Permit Numbers GP-2017-1 (Alliant Energy) and ECSW-2017-3 (Cannel - Lake Woods 3rd Addition).** Chris Murphy explained the Alliant Energy request for a six month extension is for stabilization of a small area. The new completion date is September 2018. Murphy continued with the explanation for the Cannel request, this site is still under construction and the new completion date is October 2018. Supervisor Quade moved to approve the extension requests as presented, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Resolution: Amending the Land Conservation Department to Utilize the Current ATC Account Fund Balance to Commence Activities Associated with the Groundwater Nitrate Initiative Project.** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Zajac. Tom Sweeney explained the resolution. Supervisor Driscoll asked if borrowing money from the ATC fund will interfere with the PACE program. Tom Sweeney stated that one easement may be closed in 2018. The second easement that was accepted by USDA-NRCS will not be closed until 2019 at best. The new ATC transmission line environmental impact fee will ultimately fund the groundwater project, but the installation of the groundwater monitoring wells is time sensitive and need to be installed this spring to gather background data. The anticipated impact fee should be received prior to the start of construction which is scheduled to start in late August or early September. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Farmland Preservation Program:**
 - a) **Approve Cancellation of Notice of Non-Compliance for Warren and Maxine Sarow Revocable Trust.** Supervisor Davis moved to approve the Cancellation Notice for Warren and Maxine Sarow as presented, seconded by Supervisor Hawes. **Motion Carried.**
 - b) **Review FPP proposal to amend the current Farmland Preservation Program Tax Credit System.** Tom Sweeney explained the FPP proposal. Keith Foye, DATCP stated he believes that this type of initiative should come through Farm Bureau, since it will gain traction. Al Sweeney stated this document is a good first draft and noted that it is a working document.
9. **Land and Water Resource Management Program - Approve Cost Share Agreements.** Supervisor Quade moved to approve the Cost Share Agreements for Jose Velazquez's Well Abandonment and Donald Beggs' Well Abandonment, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup Update:** Tom Sweeney provided the committee with an update as to the status of the Workgroup. Tom Sweeney also informed the LCC of the next scheduled meeting set for April 16, 2018.
11. **Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program Update:** Tom Sweeney updated the committee on activities since the last committee meeting.
12. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Quade moved to adjourn the April 4, 2018 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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