AGENDA



Land Conservation Committee Wednesday March 23, 2022 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533

Iowa County Wisconsin

Remote attendance option:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88266525929

Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 882 6652 5929

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	Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.							
1	Call to Order							
2	Roll Call							
3	Approve the agenda for this March 23, 2022 meeting							
4	Approve the minutes of the February 23, 2022 meeting							
5	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken.							
6	NRCS update							
7	Blackhawk Lake Commission update							
8	Consider multi-county dam inspection RFP idea							
9	Cost-share project approvals							
10	Land Conservation Department updates: A) Land & Water Association conference recap B) Groundwater study update (if available)							
11	Agenda items for future meetings: Officer elections, LCC background/handbook							
12	Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn							
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday February 23, 2022 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533

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Meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Gollon at 1:00 pm

Roll Call. Members present: Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Dave Gollon, Tim Harrington, Don Leix, Dan Nankee, Peter Vanderloo. Others present: John Meyers, Katie Abbott, Landon Baumgartner (via zoom), Jaclyn Essandoh, Dave Terrall, Travis Anderson, Mike Finlay (via zoom), Jake Tarrell, Matt Komiskey (via zoom)

Approve the agenda for this February 23, 2022 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve this February 23, 2022 agenda. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting: Sup. Nankee made a motion to approve the January 19, 2022 minutes. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken. Sup. Nankee shared an article by a local farmer about the solar farm project.

Introduction of new member Peter Vanderloo: Mr. Vanderloo and the other committee members introduced themselves.

Information on upcoming airborne electromagnetic bedrock survey - U.S. Geological Survey: Matt Komiskey from the USGS described the project and techniques for the aerial bedrock survey that will be conducted in our area very soon. Discussion of accuracy, timing, public notice, and data availability.

NRCS update: none provided

Wildlife Damage program: Approvals of 2021 harvest waiver exemptions and 2021 claims- Dave Terrall, USDA Wildlife Services: Mr. Terrall provided background on the 2021 claims and two that need a harvest exemption. Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the harvest waivers and claims. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Outdoor Recreation Plan approval- Jaclyn Essandoh, SW WI Regional Planning Commission: Ms. Essandoh provided an overview of the plan and asked for comments. Sup. Leix provided changes to the golf course information. Sup. Gollon mentioned stakeholder interest in trap shooting. Mr. Harrington made a motion to approve the plan with the trap shooting added, the golf course changes, and other minor edits that staff will provide, and to forward the plan to Public Works. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Blackhawk Lake Commission update: no update available

Consider Land Conservation Department proposed policy changes: Ms. Abbott described the changes staff propose and the reasoning for them.

Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the changes to policy 1201 and forward to Public Works. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the changes to policy 1202 and forward to Public Works. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the changes to policy 1203 and forward to Public Works. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Department updates: Ms. Abbott provided the following updates:

- A) **Wolf population resolution:** the resolution did not receive a motion at the Public Works meeting. However, with wolves returned to the federal endangered species list the DNR can no longer manage their population. Committee members can always provide comments individually with any future wolf population plans.
- B) **Birch Lake repair:** LCD has a contract with Jewell Engineering Associates to manage the survey, design, and bidding for the Birch Lake repairs, and the expenses are eligible for match from the DNR dam grants.
- C) **Groundwater study**: the final report is still in progress, and the Counties met to outline their ideals method(s) of releasing the last information.

Agenda items for future meetings: multi-County dam inspection RFP

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday March 23, 2022 at 1:00 PM. Sup. Leix made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.



TO: Land Conservation Committee

FROM: Katie Abbott, County Conservationist

Date: 3-17-2022

RE: Multi-county dam inspection RFP

The WI DNR requires that the 11 County-owned dams (aka PL566 dams) we manage are inspected by licensed engineers on a regular basis. High hazard dams (only 1 in Iowa County) need inspections every 2 yrs while low hazard dams need inspections every 10. In the past, NRCS engineers have conducted these inspections, but starting in 2023 they will no longer provide that service.

This change affects 8 Counties. To potentially save time and money, the Counties have discussed collaborating on a RFP for dam inspection services. The consultants would bid one flat rate per dam that would apply to all the Counties. However, with a large geographic scope and differing complexities of the dams, it is unclear if this approach would result in a cost-savings for Iowa County.

The table and map below show which counties are affected and how many dams for each will need private engineer inspections. The year-to-year schedule for other Counties is unknown at this time. Iowa County's schedule is attached.

Counties with PL566 Dams								
Vernon	18							
Iowa	8							
Pepin	6							
Richland	7							
Buffalo	5							
Monroe	7							
LaCrosse	2							
Pierce	1							
	54							



Iowa County Dams Inspection Schedule															
Formal Name	Local Name	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	203	3 2034	2035	5
Twin Parks 3	Mott's										X				
Twin Parks 4	Prazak's								X						
Twin Parks 6	Murphy's										X				
Twin Parks 7	Birch Lake	DNR		X		X		X		X		X		X	
Twin Parks 8	Trout Creek			X										X	
Twin Parks 9	Duesler's			X										X	
Twin Parks 12	Evans Quarry	X										X			
	Total	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	2		2 0	3	3
Twin Parks 10	White's	,	X		'								X		NRCS agreement through 2054
Otter Creek 12	Norwegian										X				NRCS agreement through 2074
Otter Creek 9	Blackhawk Lake														
(left & right)	(left & right)			X										X	NRCS agreement through 2104

Land Conservation Cost-share Projects for Approval 3-23-2022								
Landowner name	Township	Practice	Estimated cost- share amount					
Kathleen Dellemann	Pulaski	Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)- 9.66 ac	\$270.48					
Kristine Levinson	Pulaski	NMP- 7.33 ac	\$205.24					
Jansen Family Farm LLC	Pulaski	NMP- 45.02 ac	\$1,260.56					
Gerald McGraw	Dodgeville, Waldwick	NMP- 149.1 ac	\$4,174.80					
David Owens	Pulaski	NMP- 18.51ac	\$518.28					
Jefferey Owens	Pulaski	NMP-4.75 ac	\$133.00					
Carl Schneider etal.	Waldwick	NMP-129.97 ac	\$3,639.16					
Billy Bahr	Pulaski	Cover crops-146.66 ac	\$3,661.50					
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Dean Gullickson	Dodgeville	NMP-47.1 ac	\$1,318.80					
Terry and Jennifer Dax	Highland	Cover crops-6.28 ac	\$157.00					
Margery and Lawrence Budiac	Pulaski	Cover crops-9.4 ac	\$235.00					
Kathleen and Dale Moody Revocable Trust	Pulaski	NMP-31.37 ac	\$878.36					
Richard and Bonnie Grossenbach Living Trust of	Pulaski	NMP-20.09 ac	\$562.52					
Gary Johannsen and Susan	Pulaski	NMP-8.22 ac	\$230.16					
Russell and Nancy Moody Revocable Trust	Pulaski	NMP-32.88 ac	\$920.64					
John Scherer	Pulaski	NMP-18.47 ac	\$517.16					
Al Kolb	Moscow	No-till- 204.3 ac	\$3,779.55					
Al Kolb	Moscow	Cover crops-204.3 ac	\$5,107.50					
Tim and Steve Harrington	Arena	Cover crops-91.3 ac	\$2,282.50					
Mark Linley (operated by Harrington Farms Partnership)	Arena	Cover crops-30.5 ac	\$762.50					