

	AGENDA Land Conservation Committee Wednesday April 26, 2023 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83388387892 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 833 8838 7892	Iowa County Wisconsin
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<i>Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.</i>		
1	Call to Order	
2	Roll Call	
3	Approve the agenda for this April 26, 2023 meeting	
4	Approve the minutes of the March 22, 2023 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	Birch lake repair bidding results and next steps	
9	Cost-share project approvals	
10	Consider approval to subordinate a recorded Wildlife Damage Abatement fence contract to a new mortgage	
11	Land Conservation Department updates: A) Project and grant updates, including update to groundwater funding plan B) Farmer award nominations C) Legislative updates	
12	Agenda items for future meetings: CREP landowner management plan approval, choose Farmer Appreciation Day award winners	
13	Motion to set the next meeting and adjourn	
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	UNAPPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday March 22, 2023 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89428144134 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 894 2814 4134	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Gollon at 1:00 pm		
Roll Call. Members present: Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Roger Geisking, Dave Gollon, Tim Harrington, Darrell Kreul, Don Leix, and Peter Vanderloo. Others present: Katie Abbott, Dave Terrall		
Approve the agenda for this March 22, 2023 meeting: Sup. Leix made a motion to approve this March 22, 2023 agenda. Sup. Geisking seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the January 25, 2023 meeting: Mr. Bunker made a motion to approve the January 25, 2023 minutes. Sup. Butteris 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. None		
NRCS update: none provided		
Blackhawk Lake Commission update: At the March meeting the Commission discussed the dam fund, fishing limits, parking lot repairs, and the June 12 concrete canoe engineering competition. Discussion of audit expenses.		
Wildlife Damage Abatement program (Dave Terrall): Approve 2022 Wildlife Damage Claims and Approve 2022 Harvest Waivers: Mr. Terrall presented the claims summary and list of harvest waiver requests. Discussion of challenges with CWD, lack of woodland near some farms, and funding sources. Sup. Kreul made a motion to approve the wildlife damage claims and harvest waivers. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Consider groundwater program proposal: Ms. Abbott presented the Land Conservation Department's proposal for use of the groundwater funding. Discussion of well testing, well casing, and specific components of the proposal. Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the proposal with the following changes: septic system cost-share will be limited to 30% up to \$5,000; maximum cost-share of \$7,500 if well replacement and well abandonment are combined; and funding for nutrient management plans and nitrogen use efficiency assessments will be prioritized based on water quality needs. Sup. Geisking seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Land Conservation Department updates: Ms. Abbott provided the following updates: A) Birch Lake repairs: bidding has been unsuccessful but the projects will be re-bid B) Legislative updates: WI Land and Water Association has two budget priorities: county conservation staffing and Farmland Preservation Program updates. They ask LCC members to attend budget hearings or reach out to their representatives to support these items. C) 2022 Lake Monitoring and Protection Network (aquatic invasive species) report: the report was provided in the packets for informational purposes		

Agenda items for future meetings: Birch Lake bid selection, CREP landowner management plan approval

Motion to set the next meeting and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday April 26 at 1:00 PM in the HHS Community Room. Sup. Kreul made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Land Conservation Cost-share Projects for Approval 4-26-23			
Landowner name	Township	Practice	Estimated cost-share amount
Ken Rue	Brigham	Streambank stabilization	\$3,640.05
Jim and Cindy Hach	Highland	Waste Storage Closure	\$2,450.00
Jeremie Farve and Ellen Geisler	Linden	Roof Runoff Systems	\$1,424.15
Dodge Point Country Club LLC	Mineral Point	Well Decommission	\$3,045.00
Zoha Family Farms LLC	Highland	Well Decommission	\$954.00
Pat and Tiffany Jones	Pulaski	Well Decommission	\$1,470.00
Wessels Family Trust	Highland	Cover crops- 38 ac	\$950.00
Tom Rock	Dodgeville/	NMP- 329.9 ac	\$9,237.76
Tom Rock	Dodgeville/	Cover crops- 52 ac	\$1,300.00
John Gates	Arena	Cover crops- 25.5 ac	\$637.50
Sam Draves	Highland	Cover crops- 15 ac	\$375.00
Dan Buening	Pulaski	NMP- 98.2 ac	\$2,749.60
Richard Swaziek	Pulaski	NMP- 44 ac	\$1,232.00
Rodney Michek	Pulaski	NMP- 26 ac	\$728.00
Rodney Michek & Richard Swaziek	Pulaski	NMP- 38.7 ac	\$1,083.60
Dennis Fingerson	Dodgeville	NMP- 31.9 ac	\$891.80
Kerry Kelly	Dodgeville	NMP- 125.4 ac	\$3,511.20
William Rock	Linden	NMP- 34.4 ac	\$964.04
Level Acres Dairy Farms LLC*	Pulaski	NMP- 157 ac	\$4,396.00
Level Acres Grains II LLC*	Pulaski	NMP- 219 ac	\$6,132.00
Level Acres Grains LLC*	Pulaski	NMP- 456 ac	\$12,768.00
Dennis & Kandy Putz*	Pulaski	NMP- 144.5 ac	\$4,046.00
* contracting these will require requesting money from another County, or waiting on some of the acres for future years			

Iowa County Conservation Awards descriptions and criteria:

Award winners should demonstrate a conservation ethic and good stewardship that goes above and beyond and serves as an example in the County.

- *Iowa County Conservation Farmer of the Year*: This award must be given to an active farmer, preferable one who derives most of his/her income from farming, who shows consistent, outstanding conservation work. This includes comprehensive practices throughout the farm to reduce soil erosion, promote healthy soil, protect water quality, and manage nutrients. Preference is for farmers who are also active in promoting conservation through volunteering, field days, or otherwise influencing peers to follow their example.
- *Water and Wildlife Steward*: Landowners or farmers who improve and/or protect water quality and/or create a haven for wildlife on their property. Nominees may also be organizations that provide exemplary work in managing water resources or habitat, assisting landowners, and/or providing outreach and education. Citizens who show impressive dedication to Iowa County water quality through volunteering or education may also be considered. Habitat can be game or non-game, with a preference for declining species and a diversity of habitat types or species benefitted.
- *Friend of Conservation*: A professional, teacher, business, elected official, etc. who has shown dedication to conservation, beyond the duties of his/her job, through education, outreach, technical assistance, volunteering, or other efforts.
- *Iowa County Tree Farmer of the Year*: Chosen by DNR. Landowners who manage timber on their properties in a sustainable way, implementing a forestry plan and BMPs.

Please provide the Land Conservation Department with your nominee's name, the award category, address, phone number (if you know it), and a description of the property, practices, programs, and/or activities that qualify them for the award.

Past Iowa County Conservation Award Winners

YEAR	Conservation Farmer of the Year	Water Quality Leadership	Wildlife Habitat (Private)	Wildlife Habitat (Club) (combined with Wildlife Habitat-Private award in 2018)	Tree Farmer	Friend of Conservation (new in 2018)
1994					Rachel and Don Jordan	N/A
1995	Glen Welsh Family	Springer Family	Dave Ladd Family	Wings Over Wisconsin	Herbert Lindocken	N/A
1996	Bill Enloe	Ron Jacobson	Erdman Associates	Ducks Unlimited	Dick Cates	N/A
1997	Bishop Family Farm	Bill Polkinghorn	Charles Steudel	Pheasants Forever	Don Fesenfeld	N/A
1998	Leix Family	Tony Kirch	Bill Wisler	Boy Scouts	Russ Moody	N/A
1999	Windswept Farms Bomkamp Family	Dick and Kim Cates	Roland Taylor	Iowa County Recreation and Prairie Restoration	Jeff Anderson	N/A
2000	Jim March	Mark and Lee Greenwood	Leroy Fahrney	Blue Mounds Project	Kelly Heibel	N/A
2001	Dave Rundel	Bjorge Farms	Steve Bunker	SW Wisconsin Prairie Enthusiasts	Hal Manhart	N/A
2002	Jay and Andrea Sigg	Ron and Marie James	Law n Oaks Tom Lawinger	Pheasants Forever	Jean Ellarson	N/A
2003	Art and Helen Kirch	JR Anderson	Sandy and Al Beamis	Nature Conservancy	Jim Widder	N/A
2004	Dave and Joyce Berning	Grass Dairy Mike Gingrich	Brad and Barb Glass	TU Harry Nohr Chapter	LaVerne Hensen	N/A
2005	Tom Murphy	Stanley Nelson	Bill Weege and Sue Steinmann	Driftless Area Conservancy	Jamey Wardell	N/A
2006	Jim Day	Jeff Sigg	Jeff Underwood	TU Harry Nohr Chapter	Dr Grunow	N/A
2007	Art Linscheid	James Fizimmons	Bill and Jayne Wisler	Iowa County Master Gardners	Mead Family	N/A
2008	Dean Putz	Dick Brokish	Mary Trewartha	WI Woodland Owners, Bad Axe Chapter	Bill Carden and Family	N/A
2009	Ken Ruppert Family	Travis Keast	Gollon's	Southern Chapter of TU	David and Tracy Hataj Rev Trust	N/A
2010	Ted Thompson Family	HyVista Farm, Bruce Paull Family	Steve and Mary Thompson	Whitetails Unlimited Nick Portzon	Steve Stoddard and Sally Dahire	N/A
2011	Calvin & Victor Williams	Otis, Mark, & Eric Gilbertson	Helen Kirch	Burr Oak Deer Management (BODM)	Don Winch	N/A

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2012	Richard Amble	Luther Smith	Wayne Schuelke	Prairie Enthusiasts, Empire-Sauk Chapter	Dave & Bonnie Downs	N/A
2013	Laura Daniels	Dan Marquardt	Stith Gower	Mineral Point Schools (Friends of the M.P. Savanna Project)	Rock Ridge Community	N/A
2014	Nankey Farms	Mike Ryan Family	Janet & Doug Huebner	The Prairie Enthusiasts	Tom Foster	N/A
2015	Moyer Farms, Russ & Lonny	Bill Hanson	Brett Peterson Family	Bethel Horizons Youth Education	Brad & Barb Glass	N/A
2016	Finkelmeyer Farms	Rodney Anding Family	Dr. Gary Grunow Family	Pecatonica Education Charitable Foundation	Ron Butteris	N/A
2017	Alan Kolb Family	Paul Lawinger Family	Mike Crook Family	Avoca Rod & Gun Club	Doug Randall Family	N/A
2018	Hartung Brothers	Eric Cates	Stanley Erickson		John Walte and Pam Callahan	Paul Dietmann
2019	Joe Stapleton	Brad Walter	Dry Dog Partnership		John Morton	Mary Kay Baum
2020	Wayne, Dan, and Mark Ramsden	Bill Spurley	David Anderson		Dick Powell	Gene VanDyke
Conservation Farmer of the Year		Water and Wildlife Steward 2021			Tree Farmer	Friend of Conservation (new in 2018)
2021	Bob McCarthy	Mark Steffes			Steve Colden	Len Olson
2022	Roger and Terry Dax	Doug Carden			Joel Fait/Fait Farms	Ron Endres

Conservation Farmer of the Year Award Nomination

Return by **Monday May 15, 2023** to Katie Abbott:

Katherine.abbott@iowacounty.org or 303 W Chapel Street Suite 2100 Dodgeville WI 53533

Your name _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Nominee Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Property Address (Fire Number, etc) if available: _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

What conservation practices does this farmer use? Provide specific examples.

How has this farmer promoted healthier soil, groundwater, and/or surface water to other farmers or the community? Please provide some concrete examples.

Water and Wildlife Steward Award Nomination

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Your name _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Nominee Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Property Address (Fire Number, etc) if available: _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

What project(s) has this person or group implemented or assisted with in Iowa County to improve water quality and/or wildlife habitat? Provide details about the project(s) and water or wildlife benefits.

In what ways has this person or group promoted water and/or wildlife conservation through education, civic engagement, landowner assistance, or other activities?

Friend of Conservation Award Nomination

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Your name _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Nominee Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

How has this person actively advanced conservation in Iowa County and in what role? Please provide examples.

How has this person advanced policy, education, appreciation, or other aspects of conservation in Iowa County?
