



AGENDA
Land Conservation Committee
Thursday September 12, 2019 at 1:00 PM
HHS Building, Room 2001
303 W. Chapel St.
Dodgeville, WI 53533

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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 September 12, 2019 meeting
4	Approve the minutes of the August 14, 2019 and August 15, 2019 meetings
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	FPP extension request approval
9	Cost-share project approvals
10	Birch Lake Dam valve repair plan and Municipal Dam Grant process
11	LCD Budgets: 2020 proposal update
12	At-large LCC member position
13	Land Conservation Department updates: a) UW-Platteville dam study b) Outreach c) CREP d) Upcoming events
14	Agenda items for future meeting: Wildlife Abatement claims and budget approval
15	Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn

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	UNAPPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE- SPECIAL MEETING Wednesday, August 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area Beach Picnic Shelter 2025 County Highway BH Highland, WI 53543	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by vice-chair Dan Nankee at 6:04 PM.		
Roll Call. Members present: Rod Anding, Ron Benish, Kevin Butteris, Dave Gollon, Don Leix, and Dan Nankee. Members absent: Kallen Maxwell, Thomas McGraw Others present: Katie Abbott, Larry Bierke, Bob Bunker, Blackhawk Lake Commission members		
Approve the agenda for this August 14, 2019 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the August 14, 2019 agenda. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken. Sup. Nankee expressed appreciation for this joint meeting with the Blackhawk Lake Commission.		
Cobb-Highland Blackhawk Lake (BHL) Commission business- no action will be taken by the LCC: The Commission reviewed their minutes and the treasurer's report.		
Introductions of Committee and Commission members: Each member introduced themselves and participated in an icebreaker activity.		
Cobb-Highland Blackhawk Lake Commission Annual Report: Park Manager Dan Welsh presented the report. He discussed the annual audit, new purchases made, and finances. They will work on the 2020 plan in the fall, which will likely include electrical site upgrades and repairs to shower houses and roofs.		
Discussion of BHL Recreation Area management and permit challenges: The group discussed challenges, which have included obtaining permission from DNR to cut dead trees, permits to cut firewood, and a permit to build a new cabin, often related to frequent DNR staff changes. Discussion of repercussions and what could be done.		
Discussion BHL dams maintenance: The group discussed: the need for a long-term solution; impacts if the DNR would take ownership of the dams; needing a pot of money to match FEMA funding if a dam ever failed; the need to protect communities from flooding; concerns about a joint fund for dam repair. The group agreed to start with a discussion with DNR, then revisit the joint fund idea later if needed.		
Discussion of goals and updating the BHL Operations Agreement: The 2015 agreement was signed by both parties but never approved by the County Board. The BHL Commission had approved it as is and was not comfortable adding any language regarding the dams. Sup. Benish moved to forward the agreement as is to the County Board. Sup. Leix seconded. Motion carried.		
Determine strategy for moving forward: The group agreed to start by meeting with Mark Aquino from DNR to discuss dams and permit issues at BHL. This will be attended by 2-3 members each from the LCC and the BHL Commission, by Larry Bierke, and possibly by state representatives.		
Motion to adjourn. Sup. Leix made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Following the meeting a quorum was present during a potluck with the Blackhawk Lake Commission. No business was transacted.		

	UNAPPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday August 15, 2019 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Room 1001 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by chair Dave Gollon at 1:00 PM.		
Roll Call. Members present: Rod Anding, Ron Benish, Kevin Butteris, Dave Gollon, Don Leix, and Dan Nankee. Members absent: Kallen Maxwell, Thomas McGraw Others present: Katie Abbott, Larry Bierke, Landon Baumgartner, Mark Storti		
Approve the agenda for this August 15, 2019 meeting and approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting: Mr. Anding made a motion to approve the August 15, 2019 agenda and approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting. Sup. Benish 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 passed around a newspaper photo from the Farmers Appreciation Day awards and a WI Counties Association graph about Land Conservation staffing funds; Sup. Butteris passed around a poster for the August 24 Antique Power Show		
NRCS update: no update provided		
Blackhawk Lake Commission meeting follow-up: The Committee discussed the proposed meeting with Mark Aquino from DNR regarding issues with dams and permits at Blackhawk Lake and asked for volunteers to attend. Sup. Benish moved to elect Dave Gollon, Larry Bierke, Rod Anding, and Dan Nankee to serve at the meeting. Sup. Leix seconded. Motion carried. Larry Bierke presented an old email about insurance and liability coverage on the County dams.		
Iowa County Manure Storage and Management Ordinance approval and fee recommendations: Discussion of two changes to the Ordinance after the public hearing with the Planning & Zoning Committee and of the fee proposal provided by the Land Conservation staff. Sup. Butteris moved to approve the following fees: \$500 for a permit to build, upgrade, or replace a manure storage structure; \$100 for a permit to close or repair a manure storage structure; \$50 per month late fee for Nutrient Management Plans not turned in by March 1 of each year (for permitted structures). Sup. Nankee seconded. Motion carried. Sup. Leix moved to send the Ordinance and Fee resolution to the Public Works Committee. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

FPP Notices of Non-compliance and extension request approvals: Mr. Baumgartner presented details on twelve landowners that were past due on Farmland Preservation Program compliance deadlines. Discussion of issues, those voluntarily leaving the program, and landowner cooperation. Sup Leix moved to approved two Notices of Noncompliance for Dan, Ralph, and Elisabeth Springer, Mr. Anding seconded, motion carried. Sup. Leix moved to approve a 1-year extension for Jewell Revocable Trust, Sup. Benish seconded, motion carried. Sup. Nankee moved to approve an extension until Dec. 31, 2019 for Level Acres, Sup. Butteris seconded, motion carried. Sup. Benish moved to approve a Notice of Noncompliance for Dan Spurley, Sup. Butteris seconded, Sup. Leix recused himself, motion carried. Sup. Leix moved to approve a 4-month extension for Wilmer, Nona, Todd, & Linda Roum, seconded by Sup. Benish, motion carried. Sup. Benish moved to approve an extension until Dec. 31, 2019 for Kevin Kroll, Sup. Nankee seconded, Sup. Leix recused himself, motion carried. Sup. Nankee moved to approve a 4-month extension for Terry Wolfe, seconded by Sup. Benish, motion carried. Sup. Benish moved to approve a 12-month extension for Tom Forseth, seconded by Sup. Leix, motion carried. Sup. Benish moved to approve a 4-month extension for Wyatt Wendhausen, Sup. Butteris seconded, Sup. Leix recused himself, motion carried. Sup. Nankee moved to approve a Notice of Noncompliance for Vince Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Anding, motion carried. Sup. Benish moved to approve a Notice of Noncompliance for Forest View Farm, Sup. Leix seconded, motion carried.

LCD Budgets: 2019 to date and 2020 proposal: Ms. Abbott presented the Year-to-date and 2020 Proposed Land Conservation Department budgets. Discussion of most significant changes from 2019 to 2020. The Committee advised that the requested tax levy increase be reduced to 2-3%.

Groundwater study update and discussion of media issue: Ms. Abbott presented data that was recently release from the study. Discussion of media coverage, some of which was very good and some that was misleading; discussion of media strategy for next time.

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

- a) Dam maintenance: Birch Lake is drawn down and valve inspection will occur soon. Request for staff to take photos of progression. There were some mowing/rut issues on dams due to a very wet fall and spring; discussion of seepage/wet areas on dams. Several beaver dams were removed and beavers trapped in cooperation with USDA Wildlife Services. UW-Platteville plans a study on the current value of dams for flood control as part of a class project.
- b) Program updates: Ms. Abbott provided an update on current and completed projects.
- c) Upcoming events: Ms. Abbott passed around information about three upcoming events.

Agenda items for future meetings: project approvals, committee no-shows, budget update

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Thursday September 12 at 1:00pm. Sup. Benish made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:12pm.

LANDOWNER	PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	TOTAL COST	70%	NOTES
Bob Laeser	Stream Crossing	Rewey	Waiting for bids		May not go until 2020
Mark Finkelmeyer	Spring Development	Mineral Point	Waiting for bids		
Liz Teigen	Stream Crossing	Mifflin	\$7,500.00	\$5,250.00	
Town of Dodgeville	Well Decommission	Dodgeville	\$850.00	\$425.00	Complete
Fitzsimmons Trust	Stream Crossing	Waldwick	Waiting for bids		Pending design approval
Vincent Schaaf	Spring Development	Linden	Waiting for bids		May not go until 2020
Luther Smith	Well Decommission	Ridgeway	\$859.00	\$601.30	Complete
Brian Blanchette	Well Decommission	Mineral Point	\$959.00	\$671.30	Complete
Dale Fitzsimons	Stream Crossing	Waldwick	Waiting for bids		Pending design approval
Mark Yager	Stream Crossing	Waldwick	Waiting for bids		Pending design approval
White Family Farms Partnership	Access Road	Waldwick	Waiting for bids		Pending design approval
Richard Strutt	Well Decommission	Ridgeway	\$1,682.00	\$1,177.40	Complete
GLC Associates	Well Decommission	Dodgeville	\$3,150.00	\$2,205.00	
Peter Melby	Well Decommission	Mifflin	\$855.00	\$598.50	
James Blocker	Well Decommission	Pulaski	\$1,704.00	\$1,192.80	
Greg & Beth Cook	Streambank Protection	Highland	\$4,250.00	\$2,975.00	Complete - waiting for final bill
David McCarthy	Embankment	Highland	Waiting for bids		May not go, not responding to calls
Susan Syvrud	Well Decommission	Waldwick	\$618.00	\$432.60	Complete - waiting for final bill