

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87418388404 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 874 1838 8404	Iowa County Wisconsin
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. Excused: Peter Vanderloo Others present: Katie Abbott, Landon Baumgartner (via zoom), Jaclyn Essandoh		
Approve the agenda for this January 19, 2022 meeting: Sup. Butteris made a motion to approve this January 19, 2022 agenda. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the December 22, 2021 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the December 22, 2021 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. Sup. Nankee shared topics from the LCD newsletter and an article on cover crops. Mr. Harrington and committee members introduced themselves.		
NRCS update: Ms. Abbott shared an update emailed by Andy Walsh: USDA offices are back at 25% staff in-person, with no in-person meetings or visitors allowed inside. Andy is acting DC in Grant County through April and is in Dodgeville on Wednesdays. NRCS is working on new CREP and continuous CRP contracts. About 60 active CRP contracts will expire on Sept 30, 2022. The first round of EQIP applications are being ranked, with funding decisions anticipated for mid-February.		
Outdoor Recreation Plan list of projects- Jaclyn Essandoh, SWWRPC: Ms. Essandoh went over the list of projects for the Plan. Sup. Gollon encouraged LCD & Hwy to coordinate to increase access to water in the County.		
Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sups. Benish and Leix reported that the park continues to do well financially. Ice fishing has started and their annual fisherie is coming up. Ms. Abbott reported that the County received the Commission's contribution to the dam fund, and the County added their match.		
Approve Farmland Preservation Program Notices of Noncompliance: Mr. Baumgartner provided background on the compliance issues. Sup. Benish made a motion to issue the NON to Jeff Fancsali. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Benish made a motion to issue the NON to Clarence Pittz. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Benish made a motion to issue the NON to Jeff Reynolds. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Bunker made a motion to issue the NON to Bill Wolfe. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Discussion about correspondence and tax credit amounts. Motion carried. Discussion of difficulties with compliance and lack of communication from landowners.		

Birch Lake repair update and DNR dam grant resolution approval: Ms. Abbott provided an update on the dam repair process. Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consideration of wolf population resolution: Discussion about the resolution, the level of wolf threat in Iowa County, and the previous County Board resolution. Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the resolution with a wolf population goal of 350. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Mr. Bunker made a motion to amend the resolution to a goal of 100. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Amendment motion was carried. The resolution approval motion was carried.

Consideration of clean water referendum: Sup. Nankee made a motion stating the Committee is in favor of clean water, but to oppose a referendum. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Department update: Ms. Abbott provided an overview of the report.

A) **2021 annual report:** Ms. Abbott shared highlights of the report.

B) **2022 work plan:** Ms. Abbott shared highlights of the work plan.

C) **Poster contest results:** Ms. Abbott shared the names and showed the posters of the winning submissions.

Agenda items for future meetings: Department policy reviews, Outdoor Recreation Plan review/approval

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday February 23, 2022 at 1:00 PM. Sup. Leix made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.