

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday February 23, 2022 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81112910029 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 811 1291 0029	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, 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 (Soil And Water Resource Management Grant Cost-Share Prioritization) and forward to Public Works. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the changes to policy 1202 (Farmland Preservation Tax Credit Program Compliance) and forward to Public Works. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the changes to policy 1203 (Agriculture Performance Standards Compliance For Non-FPP Landowners) 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.