

APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday July 27, 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/88060464603 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 880 6046 4603

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, Andy Skwor (via zoom), Brittany Spurley (via zoom), Matt Wallrath

Approve the agenda for this July 27, 2022 meeting: Mr. Vanderloo made a motion to approve this July 27, 2022 agenda. Sup. Geisking seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the June 22, 2022 meeting: Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the June 22, 2022 minutes with the change to delete the repeated listing of Dave Gollon in the roll call. 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.

A field day in Lafayette County with UW-Extension ag educator Josh Kamps was mentioned.

NRCS update: Ms. Abbott read an update provided by Andy Walsh: the next batching deadline for EQIP will be Nov 4. Local funding priorities include cropland, pasture, and forestry/wildlife practices.

Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sups. Leix and Kreul reported that the bathroom project is done, they will delay seal coating, and they are setting up for the anniversary fireworks. Discussion of parking, event passes, and issues with DNR permission to cut trees

Cost-share project approvals: Ms. Abbott presented the list of projects. Sup. Leix made a motion to approve all projects except the Pacha manure storage closure. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion of cost of storage closure and requirement of project due to state statute and the manure ordinance. Staff Conservation Technician joined via zoom to answer questions about the project. A motion to reduce the cost-share amount was withdrawn. Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the project. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Aye-6 Nay-2 Mr. Harrington and Sup. Butteris voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Spurley Dairy manure storage ordinance variance request: property line and well setbacks: Discussion of DNR approval, engineering, water quality, and well testing. Mr. Skwor answered questions. Mr. Bunker moved to approve both variance requests. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Aye-5 Nay-1 Abstain-2 Sups. Leix and Geisking abstained; Mr. Vanderloo voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Regional invasive species funding- update and agreement renewal (Upper Sugar River Watershed Association): Mr. Wallrath gave a presentation about current invasive species efforts and answered questions. Sup. Leix made a motion to approve Ms. Abbott to sign the agreement for 2023. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2023 Dam inspection contracting: Sup. Leix made a motion to contract with Jewell Engineering for future required engineer dam inspections. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Department updates:

A) County Con meeting recap: Ms. Abbott provided an overview of topics and information obtained from the recent County Conservationist meeting.

NMP policy discussion: Ms. Abbott provided an overview of current policies and challenges with Nutrient Management Planning. After discussion, the Committee did not recommend any policy changes.

Agenda items for future meetings: 2023 LCD proposed budget, FPP Notices of Noncompliance (Sept?), enforcement discussion, work plan update

Motion to set the next meeting date, time, and location (possible joint BH Lake meeting) and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday August 24, 2022 at 1:00 PM in the HHS Community Room. Sup. Butteris made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Kreul seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:48pm.