

APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday June 22, 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/88652657979 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 886 5265 7979

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Don Leix at 1:00 pm

Roll Call. Members present: Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Roger Geisking, Tim Harrington, Darrell Kreul, Don Leix, and Peter Vanderloo. Excused: Dave Gollon Others present: Katie Abbott

Approve the agenda for this June 22, 2022 meeting: Sup. Kruel made a motion to approve this June 22, 2022 agenda. Sup. Geisking seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the May 25, 2022 meeting: Mr. Bunker made a motion to approve the May 25, 2022 minutes. Sup. Geisking 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. Leix shared an article about a New Mexico farm that had to euthanize over 3,500 cattle due to PFAS contamination. Mr. Harrington discussed the LCC binder and LCD work plan. Sup. Leix provided an update on construction of the Red Barn wind farm and the ATC substation, and issues with the solar farm runoff.

NRCS update: none provided

Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Leix reported that the group camp shower house is complete. The boat ramp was fixed; they may delay seal coating. Anniversary fireworks will be held on July 30. Camping reservations have somewhat decreased.

Discussion of farmer awards eligibility and guidelines: Discussion of possible eligibility guidelines for farmer awards. The committee decided by consensus that there is no need to limit eligibility at this time and they will take nominations on a case by case basis.

Choose Farmers Appreciation Day award winners: Ms. Abbott handed out the nomination forms that were received.

Sup. Kruel made a motion to choose the Dax Family for Farmer of the Year. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Vanderloo made a motion to award Doug Carden the Water and Wildlife Steward award and Ron Endres the Friend of Conservation award. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion of names to bring forward next year.

2023 Dam inspection contracting: agenda item was delayed until July meeting

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

- A) Staffing updates: the Conservation Specialist position is still vacant; the lack of capacity during this field season will impact FPP and other programs. Discussion of options to find temporary help.
- B) Groundwater study updates: The SWIGG team is still meeting regularly to discuss how to move forward, including communication/education, stakeholder meetings, and creating a resolution with both local and state direction

Agenda items for future meetings: FPP Notices of Noncompliance, Manure storage variance request, 2023 Dam inspection contracting, NMP issues discussion, enforcement discussion

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday July 27, 2022 at 1:00 PM. Mr. Bunker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.