

## APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday May 25, 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/84191231282 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 841 9123 1282

## Meeting was called to order by Katie Abbott at 1:00 pm

**Roll Call.** Members present: Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Roger Geisking, Dave Gollon, Tim Harrington, Darrell Kreul, Don Leix, Peter Vanderloo. Others present: Katie Abbott, Andy Walsh, Dan Nankee

**Election of Chair:** Sup. Leix made a motion to nominate Sup. Gollon for Chair. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. Sup. Leix made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

**Election of Vice Chair:** Mr. Bunker made a motion to nominate Sup. Leix for Vice Chair. Sup. Kreul seconded the motion. No other nominations were put forward. Motion carried.

**Election of Secretary:** Sup. Leix made a motion to nominate Sup. Butteris for Secretary. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. No other nominations were put forward. Motion carried.

**Approve the agenda for this May 25, 2022 meeting:** Mr. Vanderloo made a motion to approve this May 25, 2022 agenda. Sup. Geisking seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approve the minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting:** Mr. Harrington made a motion to approve the March 23, 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. Committee members introduced themselves. Sup. Butteris provided information on an Emergency Livestock Transport Response training on June 11 at the Fairgrounds put on by UW-Extension. Sup. Leix shared an article about fewer CRP acres signed up than will expire this year.

**NRCS update:** District Conservationist Andy Walsh introduced himself and provided information on the June 7 Local Work Group meeting.

**Blackhawk Lake Commission update:** Sup. Leix reported that the park is moving along with the group camp shower house. The boat ramp was extended after some issues. Anniversary fireworks will be held on July 30.

**Ludden Lake Committee appointment**: Sup. Leix made a motion to nominate Sup. Butteris to the Ludden Lake Committee. Sup. Kreul seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LCC member introductions and orientation: Ms. Abbott provided a binder of background information and gave an overview of the Land Conservation Department activities, programs, policies, and budget. Discussion of youth programs and enforcement.

**Groundwater study update and discussion of next steps:** Ms. Abbott provided the study summary; Discussion of well abandonment cost-share and mining shafts.

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

- A) Staffing updates: the Conservation Specialist position is still vacant and we are still seeking applications and holding interviews
- B) Birch lake dam repairs: we received notice that the municipal dam grant application was approved, and the Dept. will move forward with implementing the repairs.
- C) Farmer award nominations: nominations are needed by the next meeting; nomination forms, award descriptions, and a list past winners were handed out.

**Agenda items for future meetings:** FPP Notices of Noncompliance, Choose Farmers Appreciation Day award winners, 2023 Dam inspection contracting

**Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn.** The next meeting date was set for Wednesday June 22, 2022 at 1:00 PM. Sup. Kreul made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.