

APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday October 26, 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/83606481599 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 836 0648 1599

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, Dave Terrall, Sarah Hovis (via zoom)

Approve the agenda for this October 26, 2022 meeting: Sup. Leix made a motion to approve this October 26, 2022 agenda. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the August 24, 2022 meeting: Sup. Geisking made a motion to approve the August 24, 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. Mr. Bunker mentioned a cover crop event Oct 27 with Josh Kamps.

NRCS update: none provide

Blackhawk Lake Commission update: they will replace a pickup truck soon; they are still busy, though not as much as last year

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program: Approval of 2023 budget and 2022 crop prices-Dave Terrall (USDA Wildlife Services): Mr. Terrall provided background on the program and presented the 2023 budget and 2022 crop prices. Sup. Kruel made a motion to approve the budget and crop prices as presented, and set the harvest date to Dec 1. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consider approval of CREP management plan update for Al Strack: Sup. Leix mad a motion to approve the plan. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cost-share funds transfer approval: Ms. Abbott presented a form needed to transfer \$5,078 from Burnett County to Iowa County for cover crop and Nutrient Management Plan cost-sharing. Mr. Harrington made a motion to approve the transfer. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cost-share project approvals: Ms. Abbott and Ms. Hovis presented a list of cost-share projects for approval. Sup. Leix made a motion to approve all projects except Erickson. Sup. Geisking seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion of Erickson stream crossing project. Sup. Leix made a motion to deny the culvert request, and offer 50% cost-share up to a maximum of \$5000 for a ford crossing. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Department updates:

- A) Staffing update: Ms. Abbott announced they filled the Conservation Specialist position, starting Oct 31.
- B) SWIGG study: the SWIGG researchers are applying for a grant for further analysis of the well testing data, including an assessment of illness risk. Discussion of collaboration on any public release of the data.

Agenda items for future meetings: FPP Notices of Noncompliance, Enforcement discussion, cost-share policy for culverts

Motion to set the next meeting and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday November 30 at 1:00 PM in the HHS Community Room. Mr. Bunker made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Kruel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.