

APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday January 25, 2023 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/897 2052 8852 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 897 2052 8852

Mr. Harrington made a motion to designate Sup. Geisking as temporary chair. Sup. Kreul seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was called to order by Sup. Geisking at 1:10 pm

Roll Call. Members present: Bob Bunker, Roger Geisking, Tim Harrington, Darrell Kreul, and Peter Vanderloo. Arrived after call to order: Dave Gollon, Don Leix Excused: Kevin Butteris Others present: Katie Abbott, Casey Michek, Mel Masters, Dan Nankee (zoom), Matt Wallrath (zoom)

Approve the agenda for this January 25, 2023 meeting: Mr. Bunker made a motion to approve this January 25, 2023 agenda. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the December 21, 2022 meeting: Mr. Vanderloo made a motion to approve the December 21, 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. Nankee provided an update from the Ag/Extension Committee, including current extension staff and recent programming, and the fisheree at Blackhawk Lake.

Mr. Harrington reported that the Farm Service Agency offices may combine leadership, which raises concerns over local decisions on hiring and service to customers.

Sup. Kreul asked about any follow-up with last month's Notices of Noncompliance. Mr. Michek reported that he has had conversations with all of them.

Mr. Geisking returned chair duties to Sup. Gollon

NRCS update: none provided

Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Kreul reported that the Commission discussed 2023 projects, including parking lot resurfacing and replacing the retaining wall at the beach.

Invasive species activities and grant budget discussion: Mr. Wallrath explained the education and training component of his invasive species budget. Discussion of tasks listed in the DNR grant agreement and reporting frequency.

Youth poster contest results: Ms. Abbott discussed the poster contest and showed the winning posters.

Land Conservation Department updates:

- A) **2022 annual report and 2023 work plan**: Ms. Abbott went over highlights of the report and work plan. Discussion of rainfall simulator, tree sales, FPP backlog, and Birch Lake repairs.
- B) Land and Water Association conference: Ms. Abbott provided the schedule and requested anyone interested in attending let her know within a week.

Agenda items for future meetings: Birch Lake bid selection, wildlife abatement claims approvals, groundwater program proposal

Motion to set the next meeting and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday February 22 at 1:00 PM in the HHS Community Room. Sup. Leix made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Geisking seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:09pm.