

APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday June 28, 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/82695962510 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 826 9596 2510

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Don Leix at 1:02 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, Casey Michek, Ross Dewitt

Approve the agenda for this June 28, 2023 meeting: Sup. Kreul made a motion to approve this June 28, 2023 agenda. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the May 24, 2023 meeting: Sup. Butteris made a motion to approve the May 24, 2023 minutes. Mr. Vanderloo 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. Vanderloo reported that the creek that runs through the Bloomfield Property was designated as a Class I trout stream. Sup. Kreul reported on information from the recent Farmland First meeting about wind turbines, which drew a large crowd. Mr. Dewitt reported that bids will be opened tomorrow for logging on DNR land within Iowa County.

NRCS update: None provided

Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Leix reported that they toured the parking lot improvements and discussed the beach wall and cabin improvements, and will be purchasing new software for camping reservations.

Consider approval of update to policy 1202: Farmland Preservation Tax Credit Program Compliance: Discussion of NMP deadlines and staff funding. Mr. Harrington made a motion to approve the policy changes as presented. Sup. Geisking seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan one-year review: Ms. Abbott provided updates on progress of items in the plan. The plan does not need to be updated at this time, but should be re-visited after the Bloomfield Property master planning process.

Cost-share project approval: Mr. Harrington made a motion to approve the project. Sup. Geisking seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Department updates:

- A) Birch Lake dam repairs next steps: Ms. Abbott gave an update on timing of the next bid process
- B) Program updates: Ms. Abbott provided updates on grant and cost-share program progress.
- C) Resolutions update: Ms. Abbott provided the legal opinion regarding Land Conservation Committee consideration of the renewable energy resolution and foreign land ownership resolution. Mr. Bunker moved to add both resolutions to the next agenda. Sup. Kreul seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda items for future meetings: 2024 LCD proposed budget (August), Blackhawk Lake Commission annual report (August); two resolutions

Motion to set the next meeting (possible joint BH Lake meeting in August) and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday July 26, 2023 at 1:00 PM in the HHS Community Room. The August meeting will be held on Thursday August 24 at 5 or 6pm at Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area. Sup. Geisking made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm.