

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday August 23, 2023 at 5:00 PM Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area Park Office Building 2025 County Highway BH Highland, WI 53543	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Don Leix at 5:02 pm		
Roll Call. Members present: Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Roger Geisking, Tim Harrington, Darrell Kreul, and Don Leix. Excused: Dave Gollon, Peter Vanderloo. Others present: Katie Abbott, Casey Michek, John Meyers, Tom Michek.		
Approve the agenda for this August 23, 2023 meeting: Sup. Kreul made a motion to approve this August 23, 2023 agenda. Sup. Geisking seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023 meeting: Sup. Butteris made a motion to approve the June 28, 2023 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. Sup. Leix mentioned the federal Dam Integrity Act introduced by Rep. Van Orden.		
NRCS update: None provided		
Blackhawk Lake Commission update: none available- the Commission will meet at 6pm		
Cistern cost-share rate approval: Mr. Harrington made a motion to provide 90% cost-sharing. Sup Geisking seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion failed: Aye 2, Nay 4 Sup. Kreul made a motion to provide 70% cost-sharing. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Project approvals: Mr. Bunker made a motion to approve the list of projects. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
2024 LCD proposed budget: Ms. Abbott provided an overview of the 2024 proposed budget.		
Consider change to FPP fee schedule: Sup. Kruel made a motion that each CoC pay the \$25 fee regardless of tax filing. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Discussion of cost-sharing and compliance: item was tabled for a future agenda		

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

- A) Staffing changes:** The technician position is now vacant, and the conservation specialist recently submitted his resignation. Discussion of wage grid and impact to LCD workload. Update also provided on several partner organization positions that have changed or are vacant.
- B) Act 32:** This bill removes the requirement for LCCs to include an FSA representative, and instead requires appointment of a person engaged in agricultural use.
- C) Bloomfield property master planning:** Several Iowa Co staff hope to begin a Master Planning process for the Bloomfield prairie and ag land next year, using ATC funding. There will be a presentation at the September County Board meeting.

Cobb-Highland Blackhawk Lake Commission Annual Report: Tom Michek provided reports on 2022 vs 2023 revenue and larger 2023 and 2024 expenses. Discussion of other priorities and changes.

Motion to set the next meeting and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday September 27, 2023 at 1:00 PM in the HHS Community Room. Mr. Bunker made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Geisking seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Following the meeting a quorum was present during a potluck with the Blackhawk Lake Commission. No business was transacted.