

APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday February 28, 2024 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/87288155544 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 872 8815 5544

Meeting was called to order by Chair Gollon at 1:00 pm

Roll Call. Members present: Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Roger Geisking, Dave Gollon, Darrell Kreul, Don Leix, and Peter Vanderloo. Others present: Katie Abbott, Jake Tarrell, Paul Ohlrogge, Scott Godfrey, Zac Venchus, Stosh Potocki, Tony Pillow, Sara Wilhelm

Approve the agenda for this February 28, 2024 meeting: Sup. Butteris made a motion to approve this February 28, 2024 agenda. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting: Mr. Bunker made a motion to approve the January 24, 2024 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. none

Introduce new LCD staff- Sara Wilhelm: Ms. Wilhelm introduced herself.

NRCS update: None provided

Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Leix reported that the commission discussed progress on the shower house, and future projects.

Wildlife Damage Abatement program (Zac Venchus): Approve 2023 Wildlife Damage Claims: Sup. Leix moved to approve the claims. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Discussion of harvest objectives. Motion carried.

Bloomfield property listening sessions and survey results; discussion and approval of next steps: Ms. Abbott presented a summary of the public input process and results. Discussion of County-owned public land, ag use, protection options, costs and funding. Sup. Kreul made a motion for staff to continue looking at funding and management options. Sup. Geisking seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cost-share project approval: Ms. Abbott presented the project list and an email from a concerned CCA about non-payment of NMP services. Discussion of if/how we can check that CCAs are getting paid. Staff would need to ask DATCP what we are allowed to do. Sup. Kruel made a motion to table until next meeting. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Birch Lake repair updates; discussion and approval of next steps: Ms. Abbott gave an update on options for a variance for the DNR grant bidding timeline. Sup. Leix made a motion to rebid the two excavation projects in 2024, and bid out the valve repair in 2025. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Department updates:

- A) Annual report: Ms. Abbott presented the Department's 2023 report
- B) 10-yr Land and Water Resource Management Plan- due Dec 2025: Iowa County's LWRM Plan is due for a full update in 2025. This is a long process that will get started in late 2024.

Motion to set the next meeting and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday March 27, 2024 at 1:00 PM. Mr. Bunker made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Geisking seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:03pm.