

APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday March 27, 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/84500962773 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 845 0096 2773

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. Excused: Peter Vanderloo. Others present: Katie Abbott, Monica Yates-Olsen, Sara Wilhelm, Tom Michek, Tony Pillow

Approve the agenda for this March 27, 2024 meeting: Sup. Leix made a motion to approve this March 27, 2024 agenda. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the February 28, 2024 meeting: Sup. Butteris made a motion to approve the February 28, 2024 minutes. Sup. Kreul 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. Kreul mentioned a field day at Pioneer Farm regarding cover crops, soil loss, and water quality.

Introduction of Monica Yates-Olsen, new Farm Service Agency County Executive Director: Ms. Yates-Olsen introduced herself and provided an FSA update.

NRCS update: None provided.

Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Mr. Michek provided an update: the beach wall was completed with funding from Iowa County's tourism grant. Shower house project is moving forward; they are working to bring it up to ADA standards.

Cost-share project approvals: Ms. Abbott provided information on upcoming cost-share projects. Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the projects. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Leix made a motion to require an invoice or statement before paying on projects (including cover crops and NMPs). Sup. Kreul seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Farmland Preservation Program Notices of Noncompliance:

Mr. Bunker made a motion to issue the NON for William Dolan. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sup. Leix made a motion to issue the NON for Rick Jones and Susan Bottum-Jones. Sup. Kreul seconded the motion. Sup. Geisking abstained. Motion carried.

Sup. Butteris made a motion to issue the NON for Anna Radtke. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sup. Butteris made a motion to issue the NON for Krals Trust if not in compliance by the end of April. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sup. Kreul made a motion to issue an immediate NON for Jerry Zander. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Sup. Leix moved to amend the motion to issue a NON if a 10ft buffer is not installed in two months. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion to amend carried. Amended motion carried.

Farmer Appreciation Day award nominations: Ms. Abbott provided the nomination forms and requested nominations by May 13.

Land Conservation Department updates:

- A) Work Plan: Ms. Abbott provided a summary plan and mentioned some highlights
- **B)** Birch Lake repairs: Ms. Abbott reported they are moving forward with a bidding timeline variance request to DNR.
- C) Bloomfield planning: Ms. Abott reported she is moving forward arranging meetings with partner organizations to explore options for the Bloomfield property's future.
- **D) SWIGG Continuing research**: The SWIGG study researchers received grant funding to continue research based on the previous well water samples, related to health risk, factors correlated to pathogen contamination, and presence of antibiotic resistant genes.

Motion to set the next meeting and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday May 22, 2024 at 1:00 PM. Mr. Bunker made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:03pm.