

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday July 31, 2024 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86120585863 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 861 2058 5863	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by Chair Gollon at 1:01 pm		
Roll Call. Members present: Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Dave Gollon, Darrell Kreul, Don Leix, Dan Nankee, and Peter Vanderloo. Others present: Katie Abbott, Sara Wilhelm, Dave Morzenti, Ross DeWitt, Matt Miller, Brad Selz, Scott Moneypenny		
Approve the agenda for this July 31, 2024 meeting: Sup. Nankee made a motion to approve this July 31, 2024 agenda. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the June 26, 2024 meeting: Sup. Butteris made a motion to approve the June 26, 2024 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. Vanderloo asked about crown vetch in pastures; Sup. Kruehl brought up a report about health impacts of wind turbines; Sup. Nankee shared the Grant County annual report.		
USDA update: Mr. Miller shared that the EQIP and CSP signups are done, and Iowa County has about \$5 million of projects lined up. Discussion of EQIP process. Ms. Abbott read an update provided by the Farm Service Agency.		
Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Leix reported that the beach wall prevented a lot of sand washing away this year. Discussion of a joint meeting in August.		
Farmland Preservation Noncompliance appeal by Moneypenny Land LLC: Ms. Abbott provided background on the issue. Mr. Moneypenny provided his perspective. Discussion of federal sodbusting requirements. Mr. Vanderloo made a motion to uphold the noncompliance decision. Sup. Kruehl seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve Farmland Preservation Notices of Noncompliance: Mr. Bunker made a motion to approve a Notice of Noncompliance for TEVA LLC. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Kruehl made a motion to approve a Notice of Noncompliance for Jess Schmelzer. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Leix made a motion to approve a Notice of Noncompliance for Don Dolan. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Nankee made a motion to approve a Notice of Noncompliance for David Forseth. Sup. Kruehl seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

Discuss potential 2025 fee changes: Ms. Abbott discussed the potential to raise fees if needed to offset a budget shortfall in 2025. The Committee directed staff to come back with recommendations based on staff time, past changes, and how much is needed.

Consider WI Grazing Coalition MOU: Ms. Abbott presented an MOU from the new WI Grazing Coalition. Sup. Leix made a motion for the Land Conservation Department to sign as a participating member. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Outdoor Recreation Plan annual review: Ms. Abbott provided an update of the current status of projects listed in the plan and discussed possible future additions.

Land Conservation Department updates:

- a) **Bloomfield update:** Ms. Abbott provided an update on the process of exploring a sale of the property to a conservation group, and the condition of the pond dam.
- b) **Birch Lake repairs update:** Ms. Abbott provided an update that the County Board approved funding for the Birch Lake dam repairs.
- c) **ATCP 50 new practices and rates:** Ms. Abbott provided a list of new practices and rates.
- d) **Upcoming events:** Ms. Abbott provided information on three upcoming events.

Motion to set the next meeting (possible joint meeting with Blackhawk Lake) and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday August 21, 2024 at 5:00 PM at Blackhawk Lake. Mr. Vanderloo made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:17pm.