

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday December 18, 2024 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83035743341 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 830 3574 3341	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by Chair Gollon at 1:00 p.m.		
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, Justin Haglund, Ross DeWitt		
Approve the agenda for this December 18, 2024 meeting: Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the December 18, 2024 agenda. Sup. Kreul seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024 meeting: Sup. Nankee pointed out misspellings of his last name. Mr. Bunker made a motion to approve the October 23, 2024 minutes with those corrections. Sup. Nankee 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 an article about Vernon County dams. The article will be shared at the next meeting. Sup. Nankee mentioned an article about a dairy feed additive used in the UK that reduces methane in cattle.		
USDA update: Mr. Bunker handed out a written update provided by USDA staff. Discussion of having a continuing resolution for the Farm Bill; Tim Harrington was re-elected to the FSA County Committee.		
Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Leix provided the update that the park will increase their camping rates by \$1 per night, they will be working on shoreline protection where pontoons are kept, and plan to replace the roof on the picnic shelter.		
Consider trout barrier on Trout Creek (TP8) dam; info on fish and dams- Justin Haglund, WI DNR: Mr. Haglund provided information on a brown trout relocation project, and goals for fish management on Trout Creek. A fish barrier on the TP8 outlet is needed to keep brook and brown trout population separate. Discussion of safety and liability; staff will discuss with engineers and corp. counsel.		
Approve FPP Notices of Noncompliance: Ms. Abbott provided an updated list. Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the Notices of Noncompliance if those missing self-certifications do not turn them in by December 31. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Cost-share project approvals: Ms. Abbott provided an updated list of cost-share projects. Sup. Nankee made a motion to approve the projects. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Consider cover crop funding prioritization proposal: Ms. Abbott and Ms. Wilhelm presented their proposal for how to divide the limited cover crop cost-share funds. Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the proposal with a new limit of \$7,500 for a single practice and \$10,000 for a combination of practices. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

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

- a) **Birch Lake repairs:** the wave berm and toe drain repairs were completed in early November. We plan to release the bid request for the valve replacement in late January, with bids due in mid-February in time to be approved at the February LCC meeting.
- b) **Land and Water Resource Management Plan:** Ms. Abbott will be pulling together a Citizen Advisory Committee in early 2025 and would like to know which LCC members would like to participate. This is also a good opportunity for committee and staff to consider their overall approach to projects and prioritization, and if anything should change.

Motion to set the next meeting and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday January 22, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Vanderloo made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Posted by County Clerk's Office on 06/02/2025, Barbara Weinbrenner