

## APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday July 30, 2025 at 1:00 PM

HHS Building, Room 1001 with remote attendance option 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533

Iowa County Wisconsin

## Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Don Leix at 1:00pm

**Roll Call.** Members present: Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Darrell Kreul, Don Leix, Dan Nankee, and Peter Vanderloo. Excused: Dave Gollon. Others present: Katie Abbott, Sara Wilhelm, Jake Tarrell

Approve the agenda for this July 30, 2025 meeting and approve the minutes of the June 25, 2025 meeting: Motion by Sup. Kruel to approve both the July 30, 2025 agenda the June 25, 2025 minutes. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken. Sup. Nankee shared information from articles about a revolving loan program for dairy farms, farm succession, and migrant farm labor.

**USDA update:** A report from USDA was handed out to committee members with an update to the soil rental rate.

**Blackhawk Lake Commission update**: Sup. Kruel reported on the recent Blackhawk Lake Commission meeting.

**Farmland Preservation Notice of Noncompliance update:** Motion by Mr. Bunker to extend the Gruenwald NMP deadline to the end of the year. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Vanderloo opposed.

**Approve cost-share projects**: Sup. Butteris assumed chair duties. Motion by Sup. Nankee to approve all projects except the Leix Farms cover crop cost-share. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Sup. Kruel to approve the Leix Farms cover crop project. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried; Sup. Leix abstained from voting. Vice Chair Leix resumed chair duties.

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan annual review: The plan was reviewed. No action taken.

## **Land Conservation Department updates:**

- a) Summer intern: Ms. Abbott provided updates.
- b) State budget results: Ms. Abbott provided updates.
- c) Upcoming events: Ms. Abbott shared event information.

**Motion to set the next meeting and adjourn.** The next meeting date was set for Wednesday August 27, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Motion by Sup. Nankee to adjourn. Sup. Kruel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Katie Abbott, County Conservationist

Posted by County Clerk's Office on 8/28/2025, Barbara Weinbrenner