

## APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday May 28, 2025 at 1:00 PM

HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Iowa County Wisconsin

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

**Roll Call.** Members present: Dave Gollon, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Don Leix, Dan Nankee, and Peter Vanderloo. Absent: Darrell Kreul Others present: Mayme Keagy, Sara Wilhelm, Tony Pillow

**Approve the agenda for this May 28, 2025 meeting:** Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the May 28, 2025 agenda. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approve the minutes of the April 30, 2025 meeting:** Sup. Butteris made a motion to approve the April 30, 2025 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. Sup. Nankee shared the 2024 Grant County Annual Report and highlighted an article by Extension Outreach Specialist, Landon Baumgartner.

**USDA update:** report from USDA was provided to committee members. Mr. Bunker made note of the tight June 6, 2025 general sign-up deadline for CRP.

**Blackhawk Lake Commission update**: Sup. Leix reported the roof of the shelter has been installed and they are now working on reinstalling the underground wiring from the office to the shop. Bookings are going well for this year.

**Cost-share project approvals:** Mr. Pillow provided summaries of current cost-share projects and answered questions from the committee. Sup. Butteris made a motion to approve the Reichling manure storage closure project. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sup. Butteris made a motion to approve the well decommission projects. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Choose Farmers Appreciation Day award winners: Sup. Nankee made a motion to award Tom and Stacie Novak the Conservation Farmer of the Year award, Bob Reddell and Family the Water and Wildlife Stewards of the Year award, and Rich Henderson the Friend of Conservation award for 2025. Sup. Buttis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Land Conservation Department updates:**

- **a) Blackhawk Lake beaver removal:** Mr. Pillow reported that the USDA/APHIS trapped 8 beavers and removed the beaver dams around the Blackhawk Lake dams.
- b) Partnership updates: Uplands Farmer-led group; Lowery Creek evenings afield schedule: Ms. Keagy reported that the LCD will be supporting the Uplands Farmer-led Group in writing grants and reporting. Margaret Krome has stepped down from her position at Michael Fields Ag Institute but plans to continue coordinating Upland's events. The Evenings Afield schedule was included in the meeting packet.
- c) Cyber incident impacts: Ms. Keagy reported that the LCD files have been recovered, and any missing files have mainly been recreated. We are missing software and databases that could delay service and projects.

**Motion to set the next meeting and adjourn.** The next meeting date was set for Wednesday June 25, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Sup. Leix made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.