

APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday April 30, 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 Vice Chair Leix at 1:05 p.m.

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

Approve the agenda for this April 30, 2025 meeting: Mr. Vanderloo made a motion to approve the April 30, 2025 agenda. Sup. Kruel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the March 26, 2025 meeting: Sup. Kruel made a motion to approve the March 26, 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. Mr. Bunker shared an article about the Cates family farm from the Progressive Forage magazine, and asked about ways to track or calculate wind erosion. Sup. Nankee asked about county dam funding.

USDA update: report from USDA was provided in the packet. Discussion of payments from the Emergency Commodity Assistance Program.

Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Leix reported that the Commission provided updates on the lake shore work.

Cost-share project approvals: Sup. Nankee made a motion to approve the projects as presented. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dam fish barrier agreement: Mr. Bunker made a motion to approve the agreement. Sup. Kruel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Farmer award nomination forms: Ms. Abbott provided the nomination forms and information. Discussion of possible nominees.

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

- a) Dam updates: Jewell Engineering will be hired for required inspections and possible benchmarks. Birch Lake repairs are moving forward, and Ms. Abbott is working with staff to source signage regarding the new ordinance language.
- **b) State budget advocacy information:** Ms. Abbott provided a memo with information on representative contacts and talking points.

Motion to set the next meeting and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday May 28, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Vanderloo made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

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