

APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday March 26, 2025 at 1:00 PM

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

Iowa County Wisconsin

Remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82996629255 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 829 9662 9255

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, Tony Pillow, Justin Sprague, Larry Bierke

Approve the agenda for this March 26, 2025 meeting: Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the March 26, 2025 agenda. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the February 26, 2025 meeting: Sup. Nankee made a motion to approve the February 26, 2025 minutes. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Sup. Leix abstained. 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 agriculture statistics from AgriView.

USDA update: none was provided- Mr. Bunker stated they are very busy now

Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Leix reported that the Commission is working on replacing the pavilion roof, making shoreline improvements, replacing floats on a pontoon, and will have a September event for people with disabilities

Manure storage well setback variance requests: a) Israel Stoltzfus b) David Beiler

Discussion of leakage, corrosion, management, longevity, design, lifespan, and setbacks. Mr. Vanderloo made a motion to approve both variance requests provided they meet NRCS requirements. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Ayes-5 Nays-2 Sup. Gollon and Mr. Vanderloo voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Manure storage technical standard variance requests: a) Israel Stoltzfus b) David Beiler c) Eli Stoltzfus d) Samuel Stoltzfus e) Ben Allgyer: Discussion of maintenance and monitoring. Sup. Leix made a motion to grant all five variance requests provided they meet NRCS approval. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Ayes-6 Nays-1 Sup. Gollon voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Cost-share project approvals: Discussion of funding no-till if it has been used for many years. Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the NMP project. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Bunker made a motion to deny the no-till project. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Ayes-6 Nays-1 Sup. Leix voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Dam fish barrier agreement: The committee provided guidance on the agreement language, including adding language about giving notice to have the fish barrier removed. Agreement will be updated and brought back to the next meeting.

Public nuisance ordinance update to add dam language: Sup. Leix made a motion to approve the ordinance change and forward it to Executive Committee. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

State budget advocacy: Ms. Abbott went over the request from the WI Land & Water Association and showed the committee tools and templates available online. Committee requested to be sent contact information for representatives and key points to use for calls or emails.

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

- a) Citizen Advisory Committee meeting results: the meeting was successful and provided valuable input. A written summary was included in the meeting packet.
- **b)** Farmer awards coming up: Ms. Abbott gave notice that awards are coming up and nominations will be due in mid-May.

Motion to set the next meeting and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday April 30, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Sup. Kruel made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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