

	UNAPPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday October 1, 2025 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community room 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, Grace Martin, Zac Venchus, Ross DeWitt, Travis Anderson, Sally Leong, Dick Cates		
Approve the agenda for this October 1, 2025 meeting and Approve the minutes of the August 27, 2025 meeting: Motion by Sup. Nankee to approve the October 1, 2025 agenda and August 27, 2025 minutes. Sup. Kreul seconded the motion. Sup. Nankee abstained from voting. Motion carried.		
Motion to enter into a public hearing on the proposed 2026-2035 Land and Water Resource Management Plan Motion by Mr. Bunker to enter into the public hearing. Mr. Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Abbott provided an overview of the plan and read written comments that were submitted related to setbacks and buffers. Committee members suggested adding a glossary. Ms. Abbott and the committee answered questions from the public about clean sweep, budgets, and outstanding waters designations.		
Motion to end the public hearing and resume the regular meeting Motion by Sup. Nankee to end the public hearing. Sup. Kreul seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.		
Consider approval of Land and Water Resource Management plan and DATCP questionnaire Motion by Sup. Nankee to approve the plan, allowing for minor updates and addition of a glossary. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously Motion by Mr. Vanderloo to approve the questionnaire. Sup. Kreul 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. Kreul complimented staff on their work. Sup. Nankee gave an update on increased livestock and trucking fees. Mr. DeWitt gave an update on forestry programs and projects in the county.		
Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program- Zac Venchus (USDA Wildlife Services): A) Approval of 2025 crop prices and 90% harvest date B) Approval of 2026 budget Motion by Mr. Bunker to approve crop prices as presented. Sup. Kreul seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Sup. Butteris to set the 90% harvest date as December 1. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Sup. Nankee to approve the 2026 budget. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.		

Regional invasive species funding: 2025 summary and 2026 agreement- Upper Sugar River Watershed Association

Ms. Martin presented the 2025 summary. Motion by Sup. Kreul to approve the 2026 agreement and authorize the county conservationist to sign. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

USDA update: Mr. Bunker provided an update.

Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Leix provided an update.

Cost-share project approval: Motion by Mr. Vanderloo to approve the project. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Land Conservation Department updates:

a) Tracking Database: Ms. Abbott provided an update.

Motion to set the next meeting and adjourn. The next meeting dates were set for Wednesday November 19, 2025 and Wednesday December 17, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Motion by Sup. Krueel to adjourn. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Minutes prepared by Katie Abbott, County Conservationist